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Strong Public Input Heard from Two Communities

"We are certain that a solution can be found within the communities of Cardiff and Wilberforce." Val-erie Smith, TLDSB Chair Trustee

About 200 members of the Wilberforce and Cardiff communities came together on Wednesday, May 20 at the Lloyd Watson Centre for the final public input session in the Program and Accommodation Review process that was first launched in September.

To start the meeting, Kathryn Verduyn, Director of Education for the Trillium Lakelands District School Board (TLDSB) asked that presenters refrain from making any hurtful comments towards one another. She

acknowledged that the process is an emotional one for all those involved, but urged everyone to be respectful of one another.

enough children in the communities to create a viable school. "We are projecting 90-100 students after 2012," she said. "That's enough children to make a school. I think that they key to making it work is the pooling of students. That's an abundant number of students and there won't have to be triple grades."

Since their last meeting in April, members of the Program and Accommodation Committee (PARC) sorted through possible scenarios for both schools that were submitted by members of the public. They narrowed down the options to four

possibilities.

The first option would be to keep Cardiff Elementary School open, close Wilberforce Elementary School and bus junior kindergarten to grade eight students to Cardiff.

The second is to keep Wilberforce Elementary School open, close Cardiff Elementary School and bus junior kindergarten to grade 8 students to Wilberforce.

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The Lawyers Have At It in Algonquin Highlands

Liz Danielsen
Staff Reporter

Several weeks have passed since the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC) retained the services of renowned environmental lawyer, Rodney Northey (Fogler, Rubinoff LLP) in an effort to preclude the Algonquin Highlands Council from signing contract documents that would get construction of the proposed runway at the Stanhope Airport underway.

MBC President Paul MacInnes said that his executive had decided to take matters into their own hands in an effort to ensure that the Council did not obligate the taxpayers of Algonquin Highlands to any unnecessary costs until the Municipality had cleared a variety

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Curry Motors Survives the Big Chop

"I can't remember a day here, ever, that was so tough to get through, and that put so much stress on all of us, all 35 employees and their families."

"I can't remember a day here, ever, that was so tough to get through, and that put so much stress on all of us, all 35 employees and their families," said Curry Motors President Don Popple last week as the ax fell on approximately 250 General Motors dealerships across Canada. "And yet, the community support was huge – we must have got a 100 calls asking how we were doing, and hoping we'd be spared."

That day was last Wednesday, May 20th: GM, in its wisdom, had at first said the news would be out by noon. Then the strategy changed – notifications would be sent out by the end of the day, by email, or maybe by courier, or maybe by phone. And the waiting went on. Handicapping the outcome went roughly like this: GM would slash a lot of urban dealerships and spare the successful rural ones, or, the counter argument went, GM would decide that dealerships that

served entire counties, like Curry's, would have to go and be consolidated in the cities. At around 5 PM an email arrived: Curry Motors, founded as a livery stable by William R. Curry in 1906, and a successful GM dealer since 1923, would be spared.

"If you'd asked me six months ago if there was any possibility on earth that General Motors would have been in this position today, I'd have said you were crazy," says Popple. "For us, 2008 was a very good year – even in November we were up in sales from 2007. But first there was the gas spike in the summer, then the stock market and credit crunch in October. Suddenly no one had credit: and I think our customers began to be really scared of what might be out there. And suddenly, in January, it was as if some kind of cloud had just descended over us. That's when we began to get really apprehensive – and the news just got worse from that point on. And you know what's really ironic about all of this? Our product is the best we've ever had, ever."



Although Popple has sympathy for the problems GM has been facing, he has to admit that any company that loses over \$80 billion dollars has to be in deep trouble. "The company had huge problems, no question: they weren't ever at our level, at the franchisee level, or at the service level, or at the parts level: but it's liking trying to turn around the Titanic in East Bay on Drag Lake. It's not going to happen overnight."

Curry Motors opened its new showroom just three years ago, and Popple's delighted they did. He feels that the company's commitment to the future was an important signal that the dealership was going to stay. The company, and the franchise, is owned jointly by Popple, Sales Manager Andy Salvatori, and Service Manager Mike Iles. And just walking into the spacious, even luxurious building, in its commanding location overlooking Grass Lake, with its gleaming new cars, generous service bays, comfortable offices, it's really hard to believe that this is a company in any kind of trouble. But as of this week, it was still unclear as to whether or not GM would seek bankruptcy protection under Chapter 11, which would not spell the end of

Curry Motors, but would certainly have an impact on their day-to-day operations. This uncertainty, combined with the unavailability of credit, just adds to the daily headaches the Curry owners and sales people have to endure. But in the end, Popple believes, all this pain and trauma will have a happy ending: "I think we're going to come back stronger than ever – different, for sure, – but a better, more efficient, well-run company. They used to say that recessions were in the end good for business because they force companies to change – and even though it's been at a tremendous cost for many people, and for many of my life-long friends in this business, this change in the long run will be for the best."

"At least," adds Popple with his trademark wide grin, "that's what I'm saying this morning – but it sure is an interesting world we're living in." (for a look at Curry's history and its place in the community, please see this week's Editorial Viewpoint on Page Four.)■

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Cloudy with showers and
possibly a t-storm
▲ 18° ▼ 9°

FRIDAY



Partly sunny and
seasonable
▲ 18° ▼ 6°

SATURDAY



Morning showers, then
clearing and cooler
▲ 14° ▼ 6°

SUNDAY



Chance of afternoon
showers
▲ 14° ▼ 5°

MONDAY



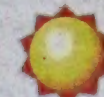
Chance of showers and
thunderstorms
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TUESDAY



Cloudy, maybe a shower
or two
▲ 14° ▼ 5°

WEDNESDAY



Mostly sunny and
pleasant
▲ 16° ▼ 7°

AROUND THE REGION: Low pressure will move into the area on Thursday and produce showers and possibly a few thunderstorms. Highs will be in the upper teens. Drier weather will be experienced on Friday as skies will be partly sunny. Highs will be in the upper teens. Another round of showers will be likely on Saturday morning, while dry weather returns for the afternoon. Highs will be in the mid-teens.

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City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk
Acapulco	32/25/pc	33/24/pc	33/27/cl	Montego Bay	31/26/ts	32/25/pc	29/26/su
Antigua	32/26/su	32/26/pc	30/24/su	Nassau	31/24/ts	31/25/ts	29/26/sh
Barbados	31/27/pc	32/26/pc	31/28/su	Port au Prince	32/26/ts	31/25/ts	31/24/ts
Bermuda	27/21/sh	28/22/pc	28/23/sh	Puerto Vallarta	31/21/su	31/22/su	34/22/su
Cancun	33/24/pc	32/24/pc	31/25/cl	St Thomas	31/26/ra	32/25/pc	30/25/pc
Curacao	32/25/pc	33/26/pc	31/25/su	St Maarten	31/26/su	32/26/pc	29/27/su
Freeport	31/24/ts	30/24/ts	31/25/dz	San Jose, CR	30/21/ts	29/21/ts	30/21/pc
Georgetown	31/24/ts	31/25/sh	31/23/ts	San Juan	31/25/ts	32/26/pc	30/27/ts
Havana	31/24/ts	30/23/sh	29/22/ts	San Salvador	31/22/ts	32/23/ts	32/23/ts
Key West	31/24/ts	31/25/ts	31/25/sh	Santo Domingo	31/25/ts	32/26/ts	31/24/su
Kingston	32/26/ts	32/26/sh	32/31/su	Trinidad	33/26/pc	32/26/pc	33/27/su

REGIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Bancroft	18/9/sh	17/6/pc	13/6/sh	14/5/sh	18/7/ra	14/5/cl	16/7/su
Barrie	18/9/sh	18/6/pc	14/6/sh	14/6/sh	18/7/ra	15/6/sh	17/8/su
Dorset	18/8/sh	17/5/pc	13/6/sh	14/4/sh	18/7/ra	14/4/cl	16/7/su
Haliburton	18/9/sh	18/6/pc	14/6/sh	14/5/sh	18/7/ra	14/5/cl	16/7/su
Huntsville	18/8/sh	17/5/pc	13/6/sh	14/4/sh	18/7/ra	14/4/cl	16/7/su
Kingston	19/11/sh	19/8/pc	15/8/sh	16/6/sh	19/8/ra	16/6/sh	18/8/su
Lindsay	18/10/sh	18/7/pc	14/7/sh	14/6/sh	18/7/ra	16/6/sh	17/8/su
Minden	18/9/sh	18/6/pc	14/6/sh	14/5/sh	18/7/ra	14/5/cl	16/7/su
Oshawa	19/11/sh	19/7/pc	15/14/sh	16/7/sh	19/8/ra	16/7/sh	19/9/su
Ottawa	18/9/sh	18/8/sh	14/8/sh	16/6/cl	19/8/ra	16/6/cl	17/7/pc
Toronto	19/11/sh	19/8/pc	16/9/sh	16/7/sh	19/9/ra	17/7/sh	18/9/su

NATIONAL CITIES

City	Today HI/Lo/Otk	Friday HI/Lo/Otk	Saturday HI/Lo/Otk	Sunday HI/Lo/Otk	Monday HI/Lo/Otk	Tuesday HI/Lo/Otk	Wednesday HI/Lo/Otk
Calgary	22/7/pc	26/12/su	17/9/su	14/5/sh	18/4/pc	18/4/su	18/4/cl
Edmonton	19/4/pc	26/11/cl	19/8/cl	16/4/cl	19/5/pc	19/6/pc	18/4/sh
Fredericton	17/7/sh	20/8/sh	21/2/dz	18/9/sh	18/6/cl	17/4/cl	17/5/sh
Halifax	18/6/sh	21/10/sh	15/12/cl	16/10/sh	14/8/pc	11/6/sh	13/4/sh
Montreal	19/9/ra	18/9/sh	17/11/sh	17/9/cl	19/9/sh	16/6/cl	17/7/pc
Regina	22/7/pc	24/10/pc	22/7/cl	16/6/sh	17/5/sh	18/5/su	18/5/cl
St. John's	12/5/pc	14/7/sh	6/6/cl	7/6/ra	8/7/ra	8/7/cl	7/6/sh
Saskatoon	18/5/sh	23/10/pc	21/11/cl	13/6/cl	17/4/pc	18/4/pc	18/4/sh
Vancouver	20/12/pc	19/9/pc	19/10/su	19/11/su	20/12/pc	21/12/su	20/12/pc
Whitehorse	14/3/cl	13/3/sh	17/0/su	17/0/su	22/3/pc	23/4/pc	22/5/pc
Winnipeg	18/5/cl	11/2/dz	13/3/cl	16/5/sh	17/6/cl	17/6/pc	16/6/cl

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Friday 5/22	20°C	11°C	0.8 mm
Thursday 5/21	29°C	7°C	0.0 mm
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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set
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Fri.	5:32 a.m./8:51 p.m.	11:12 a.m./12:52 a.m.
Sat.	5:32 a.m./8:52 p.m.	12:29 p.m./1:18 a.m.
Sun.	5:31 a.m./8:53 p.m.	1:42 p.m./1:41 a.m.
Mon.	5:30 a.m./8:54 p.m.	2:53 p.m./2:02 a.m.
Tues.	5:30 a.m./8:55 p.m.	4:03 p.m./2:22 a.m.
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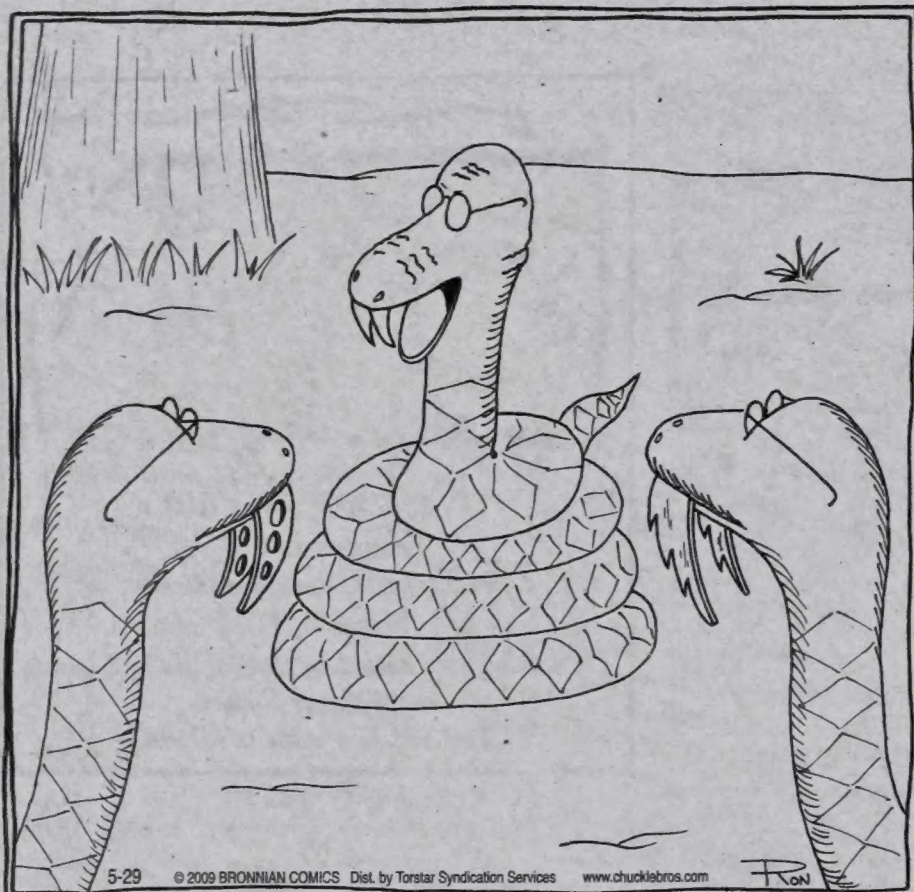
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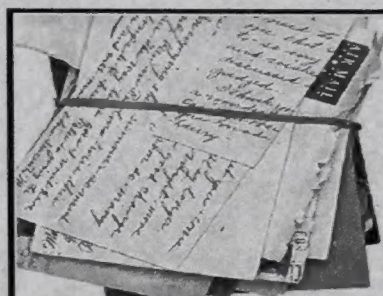
"What has happened to the democratic process we cherish in our County?"

It is a privilege for me to live in a democratic country that affords me the opportunity to participate in a demonstration at my local municipal offices as I did last Thursday, May 21, 2009, regarding the Stanhope Airport expansion.

The OutLoud Womyn's Choir, supported by many local citizens, prepared and delivered a carefully considered statement to our local Council. One of the questions in the statement wondered how it was that so few people could make a decision against the clear position of so many dissenting citizens, and the other question was wondering why there was no referendum on such a divisive issue. The statement also had several quotes from the Earth Charter, which is a document adopted by the UN and many countries as a guideline on which environmental decisions are to be based for the future well-being of the earth.

I felt appalled and dismayed by the prepared response from our reeve, which had already been given in several media settings. It addressed neither of the questions nor the Earth Charter, and was patronizing and demeaning to the intelligence of everyone present. One quote from this response was "you elected your Council to make decisions on your behalf," which sounded like a parent admonishing her children's ideas, not an elected official with a mandate to represent our collective adult voices. The Council had received this statement a week in advance of the meeting, so could have addressed the questions in the statement more directly and respectfully, not just a reiteration of what had already been said. What has happened to the democratic process we cherish in our County?

Joan Weir
Algonquin Highlands ■



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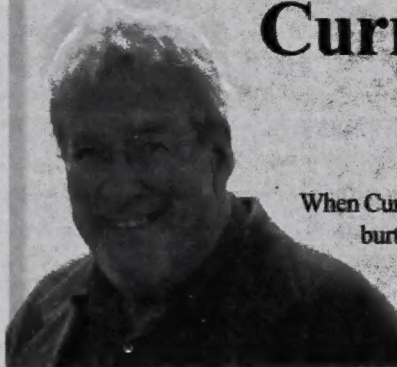
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Editorial VIEWPOINT

by Stephen Patrick

Curry Motors: Solid as a Rock



When Curry Motors gave up its Highland Street location in Haliburton Village three years ago to move into its sparkling new facilities just outside of town, I wrote a short history of the company for our sister publication, the Highlands Communicator. In that story I asked Len Salvatori, employee and eventually part owner of the company for some 45 years, to explain the company's truly remarkable record of customer and employee loyalty and longevity. Len replied, "We hired good, solid people. The people I worked with I enjoyed working with every day. We were together in the trenches, and even though I was the boss, I was one of them."

"We were always a customer-oriented company: anyone who worked for us realized you had to do the best for the customer. That's what you expect if you're going to survive the better part of a century in business. But it's a great business to be in, a lot of work, but a lot of variety. You make good friends, and you feel good about yourself at the end of the day."

Last week the future of Curry Motors was on the line as perhaps never before in its 85 year history. William R. Curry founded the original livery stable on Haliburton's main street in 1906, but 13 years later sold the stables, and the horses, and opened his first garage with his son Ronald as W.R. Curry and Son. In 1923 the company began its association with General Motors, changed its name to Curry Motors, and has never looked back.

It's difficult to estimate the effect, financial and psychological, that the closing of the Curry dealership might have had on Haliburton Village and County. It's in fact a great tribute to all the employees, and their families that Curry's will continue, for now, as a major employer and successful business. That is, if no further seismic economic or political shockwaves come our way.

Rick Johnson's Learning Curve

Last week MPP Rick Johnston accepted an invitation from three prominent anti-uranium activists to walk through a bush that Bancroft Uranium had staked and explored this past year (see story on page ...). The devastation and destruction clearly had an impact on the rookie MPP: "When you see piles and piles of mature trees bulldozed to the ground and just dumped to rot, it really makes you question the rules of the game," said Johnson. "This trip was a part of my learning curve as MPP for this area – and it's taught me a lot."

One thing Johnson will learn for sure is that a first-term backbench government member doesn't have a lot of clout – at least right away. But Johnson's willingness to engage quickly the government Ministers responsible for the Environment and the Mining industry shows at least that he sincerely wants to learn the rules of the game: his tromp through the 100 acre wood was both instructive and sobering. Also, his willingness to listen at length to the trio of activists, armed to the teeth with statistics and opinions, is another positive indication that Johnson really does understand just how local our politics are. Now it will be up to him – and his Liberal cohorts – to put good intentions into sensible actions. Securing the moratorium on uranium mining in this area might be a good place to start. ■

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The Highlander Rants

Grey Squirrels and that wretched Limey bloodlust Bloody Brits are eating Canadian Grey Squirrels

By Terrance Seamus O'Gavan

They are killing defenseless Grey Squirrels in Great Britain. They are shooting them for food.

The Limey louts are calling Grey Squirrels the next ethical meal.

Retired British colonels, dressed in pukka regimental garb from India circa 1961, have taken to the streets with vintage carbines, locked and loaded for poor Grey Squirrels. Bloody heathens!

They take the dead Grey Squirrels to local butchers and specialty shops, which then sell the inexpensive meat, touting ethical malarkey, like green friendly food, and the 100-mile diet. Yoicks!

Because the Grey Squirrel is not indigenous but imported from North America, and because they are usurping territory formerly held by the native British Red Squirrel, many rodent racists are even saying that it's good for the country.

The thinning of the Grey Squirrel herd seen through a funky prism could be viewed without prejudice as rodent genocide.

But trust the Limeys to forego such blandishment. They argue that the meat is cheap and free range.

Business is booming – forgive the pun.

Harsh economic times, the Green food movement and neo-racist tendencies are feeding this fascist frenzy and leading to our poor Grey Squirrel's rapid demise.

I'm paraphrasing here good readers. I'm Irish. I'm allowed.

A Charter called the Divine Right of Irish Louts, Boors and Staggering Poets, giving free reign, to me and my Blarney Tribe, to spout, sputter and stutter sweeping suppositions, was penned in Dublin back in 1645 and was upheld by Papal Decree in 1647. I digress.

It's all very shocking. A headline from the London Observer shouts: "The Ultimate ethical meal: A Grey Squirrel. It tastes sweet, like a cross between lamb and duck. And it's selling as fast as butchers can get it."

Not since Churchill ordered carpet bombing on Dresden, as reproach for an equally debauched Nazi blitz on Coventry, have I heard such an outrageous assault on good sense and common decency emanating from the British Isles.

Well, there was that Falklands thing and that lamentable string of mass executions in India, but that's just me spitballing. (See Divine Right of Louts, Boors and Staggering Poets.)

The Brits, still reeling from the legislated loss of their precious fox and hounds hunt, have apparently morphed into zombie mode. Bloodlust and squirrel carcass, now littering the streets of London, Liverpool and Leeds.

Mad Brits, devouring poor Grey Squirrels for fun and profit. A fad gone viral.

"The Grey Squirrel, the American cousin of Britain's endangered red variety, is flying off the shelves faster than hunters can shoot them, with game butchers struggling to keep up with demand," reports the Guardian.

"We put it on the shelf and it sells. It can be a dozen squirrels a day – and they all go," says David Simpson, the director of Kingsley Village shopping center in Fraddon, Cornwall.

"It's low in fat, low in food miles and completely free range. In fact, some claim that *Sciurus carolinensis* – Grey Squirrel – is about as ethical a dish as it is possible to serve on a dinner plate," says the Guardian.

I blame the Greens and I blame the skinheads. The Grey Squirrel was brought to Great Britain from North America. This killing spree is sparked by neo-nazi skinheads and jackboot loyalists. Guys like, hmmm, Prince Harry, for instance. Horrid Harry, that fast-talking racist, and brown-shirt-sporting son-of-an-inbred-monarchist. We know how Haggard Harry feels about immigration policy.

Prince Harry recently called one of his fellow soldiers a "rag-head." This after sporting a Nazi brown shirt with swastika last Halloween. Hah! What a prince. Charming. Hoopla Harry, dropped from that weak-limbed Family Tree, with lamentably few branches to soften his fall.

And of course the Greens, those high-minded, low-life, populist iconoclasts, always looking for an ethical dilemma, have lunged upon this slaughter with unabashed abandon, relishing the fact that this may indeed pose a simple solution to the unethical slaughter of warehoused chickens and managed beef refineries.

Experts say the Grey Squirrel's new found popularity is partly due to its green credentials. "People like the fact it is wild meat, low in fat and local – so no food miles."

Others offer sweeping genocide and xenophobia as argument for the cull.

Restaurateur David Ridley reckons that patriotism plays a big part, since Red Squirrels, the indigenous variety, are threatened by the Greys. "Eat a Grey and save a Red. That's the message," laughs Ridley. Limey racist.

We know these Brits and their penchant for colonial paternalism. India, North America, Northern Island, Scotland, the Falklands, the list of sins is long and nefarious. Add now the poor Grey Squirrel.

Remember what Gandhi said, some time before rooting those Loathsome Limey Louts from India's soil.

"The greatness of a nation and its moral progress can be judged by the way its animals are treated."

So help us save the Grey Squirrel. Write, blog and twitter against the wholesale massacre of our lovely, cute and cuddly Grey Squirrel.

And while we're at it.

Can we get that bloody, dottering and mumbling old Queen off of our currency?

Replace her with our own stuttering old queen.

Can I getta' whup-whup for Steven Harper on the three dollar bill? ■

More Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

An open letter to the Reeve and Councillors of Algonquin Highlands:

Just an off the cuff prediction: you have angered the taxpayers of this township to such an extent with your determined effort to create a crosswind runway at the airport in spite of the widespread opposition of the taxpayers (at our MBC association meeting on May 17th, attended by about 200, you, Reeve Harrison, expressed the opinion that a third of the taxpayers were in favour of it,) that, in my opinion, when the next council is elected in Algonquin Highlands, not only will it work to make sure the new runway is stopped, but there will be a determined effort to close the entire airport, in spite of its present acceptance.

Reeve Harrison, you and your council should give it some serious thought!

Art Wall
Maple Lake. ■ ■

Dear Editor:

"So much for the democratic freedoms my grandfathers fought for."

My wife and I run a business on Saunders as do several others on this road which now will have advertising, brochures, cards etc. with the wrong address on them. We ourselves just received our year's supply of business cards because at the previous meeting with Council on Tues April 14th, the matter was said to have been "put to bed" as in it won't be revisited but instead they were going to look into the placing of Historical Plaques along the road to mark the former town instead. This made much more sense to us from a standpoint of honouring the heritage of our area, the information that could be transferred onto the plaque educating and informing people of the significance of the area far surpasses changing a street name to South Wilberforce Road (that only tells me it's a road, south of the Town of Wilberforce). People who aren't familiar with the area will have no idea that a road named South Wilberforce Road, was actually at the turn of the century a bustling community named South Wilberforce with a post office, general Store, Mill, Dairy etc. What they will know is that it is a road named South Wilberforce Road.

As newer residents of the street (three years) it was inferred at the previous council meeting by Gary Stoughton that new people basically didn't count. Well, apparently the other 17 families that voted twice against changing the street name didn't count either, only the 4 old time residents, that are friends with council members, do. So much for the democratic freedom my grandfathers fought for in W.W.2.

Now we can all look forward to the next few months of changing drivers licenses, health cards, credit cards, bank, insurance info, passports (maybe Barry Devolin can hold mini session for just us), not to mention the cost of new road signs (\$2400.00), 911 number changes and all of this in one of the poorest economies in Ontario.

To top this off, after speaking with the county roads department, the law allows the municipality the power to change the road name without any input from the residents, to whatever they want... instead, they choose to drag it out, do two surveys of residents on the road, maintaining that without 80 percent support to change, that the change could not take place. Three separate votes went out, not once did the municipality receive the 80 percent support to change the name from the road residents. They pit neighbour against neighbour in an ongoing debate that has lasted from Dec 7, 2007 until present and in the end, what we wanted did not count anyway. They changed it after two years of voting, council meetings, rehashing this issue, all because four families wanted it changed. Why the hell didn't they just change the name the day they re-opened the Dillman Bridge if that was the intention all along, why have a democratic process in place if you are only going to pretend to use it? Speaking of the Dillman Bridge by the way, this same council does like to spend our tax dollars on Bronze Plaques as long as they are self serving, pat ourselves on the back Bronze Plaques. You can note the lack of any historical significance of the bridge on the plaque, but at least Council got all their names immortalized!

■ Daryl Sands -- formerly of Saunders Road! -- (apparently).

Minden Library Check Presentation

Friends of the Haliburton County Public Library presented a cheque in the amount of \$1,000 to the Minden Hills Library Advisory Committee for the Minden Hills branch of the Haliburton County Public Library at their recent Lunch & Learn session at Bonnie View Inn. The monies are to go towards the furnishings for the new library which will be opening soon. The guest speaker for the day was Bessie Sullivan, CEO of the County Library. A matching donation will be made to the Dysart et al Library Fundraising Committee at a later date. ■



In picture (left to right): Joan Hawley, Bob Heeps, Klara Oyler, Cheryl Murdoch, Heather Thom, Bessie Sullivan, Linda Heeps & Elly Malcomson.... Absent (from Friends' group): Aileen Bruce, Jim Fox, Eleanor Gilbert, Rozanne Hynard, Robert McIvor and June Stewart

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of hurdles associated with receiving environmental approvals. In his letter to Council Northey advised them that they "would be well advised to be sure they understand the full range of environmental laws before signing any construction contracts."

As part of their airport update during the Council meeting last Thursday, CAO Lorne Mitchell commented that the Municipality had received the letter and that their own legal counsel had responded. He said, "A correction has been put forward making MBC aware of the requirements," leaving the audience with the impression that somehow MBC's action had been inappropriate or that they had been in the wrong in some way.

Despite having just gone through a well organized protest earlier that morning outside of the Council Chambers and a large delegation taking a stand against the airport expansion, Reeve Eleanor Harrison still seemed to be chomping at the bit to get the project under way and said, "Now we just have to hurry up and wait. We're construction ready."

But Mitchell and Harrison's statements haven't phased the executive of MBC. While reluctant to reveal too much of their hand as is often the case when the lawyers get involved, MacInnes did say, "The MBC executive, in consultation with a number of associations that are also involved in fighting the current plan for the airport expansion, has held long discussions with our lawyer and, in fact, his firm's entire team. We've mapped out a multi-faceted and multi-staged long term strategy designed to do one of two things.

"The first and most obvious goal is to stop the expansion as it is presently being proposed. The second goal is to continue to delay the start of construction until we're into the next election campaign. And we're very comfortable that we can achieve one

or even both of those objectives."

MacInnes readily acknowledge that unless something momentous happens to stop or delay the project, there is no doubt there will be an ongoing exchange of letters going back and forth between the two parties, offering legal positions based on various types of legislation. He said that he expected the process to continue for some time to come.

"We've spent a lot of time mapping out what could happen. One unfortunate thing that will happen as the battle escalates, so too will the cost for both MBC and the Township; and the Township's cost will trickle down to the taxpayers. Should it come to a judicial review or a court case, it could become very expensive."

MacInnes said that the cost to the taxpayers was something he thought about a lot. However, he said he had come to the conclusion that if Algonquin Highlands had gone through the proper process and had developed a plan in consultation with area residents, they would never have gotten to this point, nor would they have seen the impact the project is having on so many people.

He said, "First and foremost, aside from community and environmental issues, our concerns have always been economic. If we're successful in stopping the expansion project as it is presently being proposed we can save the taxpayers much more than they would pay in legal fees this year."

During their recent annual general meeting, MacInnes advised 200 of his members of the executive's decision to take legal action. The support from the membership was overwhelming in his favour and many members asked what they could do to help.

MacInnes said, "Including our membership as well as the groups and lake associations that are supporting us, we have the combined resources of several thousand individuals within Algonquin Highlands and the County. Their help will go a long way to furthering our cause." ■

Mark Arike

Staff Reporter

Preparing for the Challenge

How to Get Grades 3 and 6 Students Ready for Valuable EQAO Testing

This week, many grades 3 and 6 students in the province started their reading, writing and mathematics tests that are issued by the Education Quality and Accountability Office (EQAO).

In the time leading up to six-day long testing process, some students might feel stressed, worried and scared about what lies ahead. As parents, there are ways to ensure that your child is as well prepared physically and mentally for the tests as possible. By doing a few simple things, EQAO tests can be looked at as a positive, rather than a negative, by both kids and parents.

Darlene Hill, a special education resource teacher at Archie Stouffer Elementary School (ASES), recently spoke to The Voice about what parents can do to prepare their children for the important tests.

"Make sure that your kids have a good night's sleep, and that they are well fed with a healthy breakfast," said Hill. "When it comes to the test, make sure that they arrive at school on time. Arriving late might mean that they'll miss introductions and other information."

Because the tests contain random questions that are developed based on what the children have learned over the year, there aren't any real ways to academically prepare for it.

"There isn't a guide. None of us know what questions are going to be asked be on the test," explained Hill.

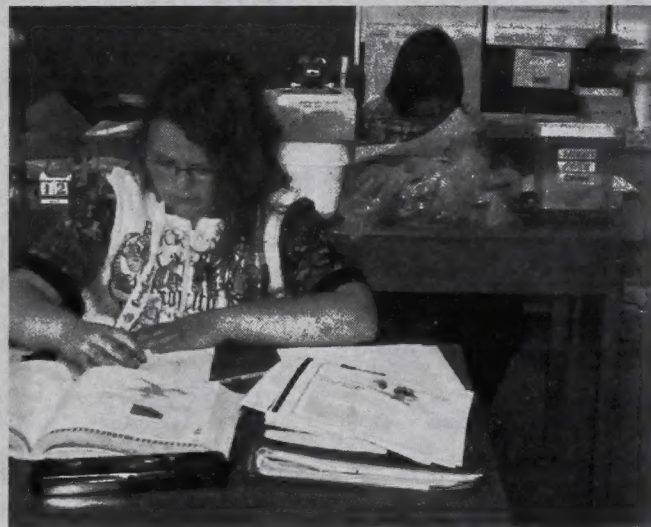
During the tests, homeroom teachers monitor students – they can't help them out in any way. And though students don't need to pass the test in order to make it to the next grade, the EQAO results are important to the school and the community.

"There is certainly a very strong emphasis on those scores," said Hill.

The target set out by the province was to have 75 per cent of students meeting or exceeding the provincial standard in reading, writing and mathematics by 2008.

Tests at ASES conclude on Wednesday, June 3, and once it's all said and done a pizza party will be thrown for the students.

Results from the tests will be out in time for the start of the next school year in September. ■



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What's So Bad about Plastic Bags?

Submitted by EH! (Environment Haliburton!)

What's so bad about plastic bags? They're cheap, they're convenient, and they're disposable. That's the issue: disposable. Plastic bags are used once and thrown out. Or they're reused briefly for household garbage or as totes. Then they end up in landfills or more often anywhere the wind can blow them: fields, ditches, trees, or waterways. According to Mark Brohm, Supervisor of the Dysart Landfill Site, the plastic bags deposited in recycling bins tend to be blown into the surrounding bush for a couple of hundred feet, where they have to be retrieved by landfill staff.

Plastic bags seem cheap. Until recently they were given to the customer as a service. But the environmental costs are huge, exacerbated by the massive quantities consumed: 500 billion to one trillion worldwide every year. In Ontario alone we use and dispose of four plastic bags per person per week, or an incredible 7 million every day. Canada's 33.5 million people go through 10 to 15 billion plastic bags every year. Disposable plastic bags have enormous hidden costs: a) they don't rot, they just break into smaller and smaller pieces, over a period of 15 to 1000 years; b) they are produced from oil, a non-renewable resource; and c) the manufacturing process creates harmful pollutants. During their hundreds-of-years lifespan, plastic bags have the opportunity to pollute and to keep on polluting. As they break down, toxic plastic fragments seep into and contaminate our soil and our waterways. Ultimately they move into the food chain. During this centuries-long process, plastic bags, or pieces of them, can be mistaken for food and swallowed by birds, marine mammals, or fish, causing death. Although the animal dies and decomposes, the plastic bag emerges undamaged ready to be taken for food all over again. And so the cycle continues. How can we deal with the costs of using plastic bags?

First, use cloth bags; keep them handy in your car. Don't rely on single-use disposable plastic bags. Supermarket chains are now charging five

cents per plastic bag as part of the push to reduce Ontario's landfill waste 50% by 2012. Recycling is an option, but a limited one at this point. Currently recycling plastic bags does not generate much in the way of revenue for municipalities or industrial recycling operations. In any case, to date not more than 3% of all plastic bags are recycled. Communities can take action to ban plastic bags. In 2006 Leaf

Rapids, Manitoba launched a very successful campaign to eliminate plastic bag use, motivated by the annual costs of cleaning up plastic bag litter. They began by donating reusable bags to every household, publicizing the environmental costs of plastic bag use, then instituting a fee per bag. Plastic bags were banned the following year. In 2008 San Francisco became the first city in North America to ban plas-

tic bags from use in the large supermarket chains. Reduce, reuse, or recycle your disposable plastic bags. Or don't use them at all. It is all part of the bigger goal: to rethink how we produce, use, reuse, and recycle products and packaging in order to reduce waste.

To learn more about environmental issues check out the Environment Haliburton! Website at www.environment-haliburton.ca. ■

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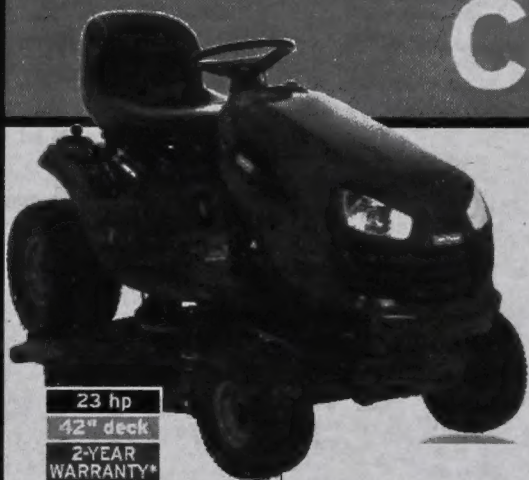


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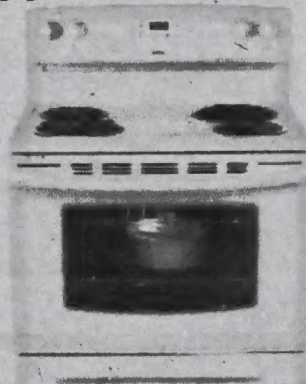
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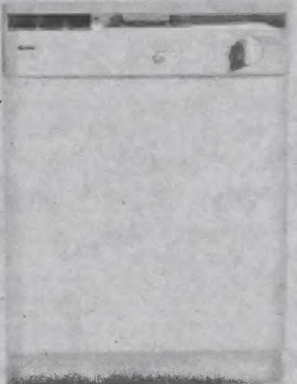
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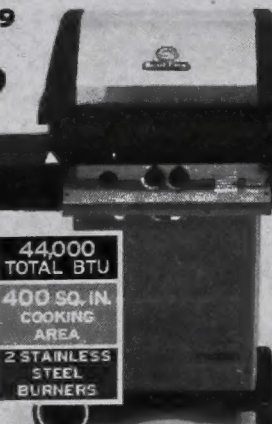
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Riverwalk Bridge – the Culmination of a Vision

Down she went, right on schedule. With uncanny accuracy, crane operator Mike Duhamel, last week lowered Minden's Riverwalk bridge onto its footings. The crane, owned and operated by Mammoet is capable of extending 400 ft, although was only equipped for a 200 ft length, all that was required for the Riverwalk project. As witnessed, the 400-ton machine was easily able to hoist the 33,000lb, 125ft long foot-bridge into place on the banks of the Gull River. The process was completed in about 10 minutes.

Mammoet, a global company originally based in the Netherlands has been operating in Canada for only about a year. The company specializes in heavy lifting and transport solutions. Nationally, Mammoet is based in Toronto, and has offices in several Ontario cities. Operating in 42 locations in 19 countries worldwide, the company made history when they recovered the sunken Russian nuclear submarine, the Kursk, from the seabed in 2001. And the company also has a close connection to Minden. Rick Samelko, Mammoet's sales representative, has been a long time cottager in the area. He's now cottaging on Brady Lake and took personal satisfaction watching the completion of the Minden project.

The pedestrian arch bridge was delivered by truck from the manufacturer, Eagle Bridge Inc, in Kitchener. It arrived in two sections and was assembled on site. Once securely fastened, the careful work of lifting the bridge over the trees and hydro poles got underway. Local power was off from 9:30 AM until the job was completed. The bridge is constructed of steel with considerable nickel content and the decking is wood. What appears to be rust discolouration is typical of "weathering steel" (officially called Atmospheric Corrosion Resistant Steel) and should disappear with time. Cages were temporarily affixed at each end of the structure until the bollards could be installed.

Onlookers, including members of the Riverwalk committee, along with politicians and township employees, gathered in groups at the site between 11 AM and 2 when the



final drop was scheduled. Clapping and cheers were audible as the bridge touched down on its abutments.

The initial Riverwalk vision was conceived by Linnea Baynton, the owner of the Wild Swan B&B in 2002. Recognizing the potential, the Riverwalk committee was formed in 2003. After three public meetings, Minden Hills council accepted the project in principal and Basterfield and Associates were

retained to create the Minden Riverwalk Master Plan, which was completed in January of 2005. The local committee, consisting of Laura Cunliffe, Laurie Carmount, Roy Haig, Kate Hall and Cheryl Murdoch then created a five-year plan. Since then, the group has worked long hours with many government agencies and local businesses to nurture its vision to fruition.

With the completion of the Riverwalk circuit the committee is asking community members to submit names for the span. The group has created a "Naming of the Bridge" Competition. If you have a name you would like to enter, you can get information about the contest on the Minden Hills web site at: <http://www.seodevspace.com/mindenpub/events.shtml>

The "official" bridge opening will take place as part of Minden's Canada Day celebration on July 1st. ■



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On May 28, 1987, Matthias Rust, a 19-year-old amateur pilot from West Germany, takes off from Finland, travels through more than 400 miles of Soviet airspace, and lands his small Cessna aircraft in Red Square by the Kremlin in Moscow. The event proved to be an immense embarrassment to the Soviet government and military. One American diplomat in the Soviet Union joked, "Maybe we should build a bunch of Cessnas." Soviet officials were not amused.

On May 29, 1953, Edmund Hillary of New Zealand becomes the first explorer to reach the summit of Mount Everest, which, at 29,035 feet above sea level, is the highest point on earth. The first recorded attempt to climb Everest was made in 1921 by a British expedition.

On May 30, 1806, in a duel with pistols, future President Andrew Jackson kills a man who insulted his wife, Rachel, who married Jackson before being divorced from her previous husband. Rachel's divorce caused more of a scandal in the press and in parlors than Jackson's killing of Charles Dickinson.

On May 31, 1870, Professor Edward Joseph De Smedt receives two patents for "French asphalt pavement." On July 29, the first road pavement of sheet asphalt was laid on William Street in Newark, N.J.

On June 1, 1949, Lawrence Welk's band begins a two-year stint as the house orchestra for radio show "High Life Review." Though often lampooned for his saccharine style, Welk eventually developed an army of loyal fans and hosted one of the longest-running musical variety shows in history.

On June 2, 1935, Babe Ruth, one of the greatest players in the history of baseball, ends his Major League career after 22 seasons, 10 World Series and 714 home runs. When Ruth died on Aug. 16, 1948, his body lay in state at Yankee Stadium for two days and was visited by more than 100,000 fans.

On June 3, 1961, Clarence Gideon is arrested and charged with breaking into a poolroom in Florida. The appeal of Gideon's subsequent conviction lead to the establishment of one of the chief principles of American criminal justice in what are known as our Miranda rights.

On June 4, 1876, a mere 83 hours after leaving New York City, the Transcontinental Express train arrives in San Francisco. Suddenly, a journey that had previously taken months using horses could be made in less than a week. Amenities varied from plush velvet seats to narrow wooden benches.

On June 5, 1922, George W. Carmack, the first person to discover gold along the Klondike River, dies in Vancouver, British Columbia. Unlike many prospectors, Carmack was not consumed by the lust to find gold. He enjoyed playing the organ, reading periodicals and writing sentimental poetry.

Earthweek: A Diary of the Planet

By Steve Newman



Logging Into Extinction

 An Indonesian lowland forest habitat that is home to about 100 Sumatran orangutans recently reintroduced to the wild could be destroyed within months if a massive logging plan proceeds, a coalition of five conservation groups warns. A joint venture of Asia Pacific Pulp & Paper (APP) and Sinar Mas Group had received a license to clear the largest portion of natural forest remaining outside the Bukit Tigapuluh National Park in Jambi province of Sumatra. "It took scientists decades to discover how to successfully reintroduce critically endangered orangutans from captivity into the wild. It could take APP just months to destroy an important part of their new habitat," said Peter Pratje of the Frankfurt Zoological Society, one of the groups. The unprotected forest is also home to about 100 of the last 400 critically endangered Sumatran tigers remaining in the wild.

Pollution Damages DNA

 Being exposed to polluted air for only a few days appears to cause enough damage to human DNA to reduce a person's ability to fight off cancer. University of Milan researcher Andrea Baccarelli and colleagues compared blood samples from 63 healthy workers who were exposed to high levels of air pollution for only three days at a foundry near Milan. The researchers found changes in the workers' genes that may have been caused by a chemical transformation linked to gene reprogramming. The same changes have also been detected in the blood and tissue samples of lung cancer patients. Baccarelli hopes a therapy can be designed to return damaged genes to normal and reduce the health risks of exposure to air pollution.

Sea Level Paradox

 One area of Alaska is bucking the global trend of rising sea level due to climate change with land actually emerging from the water. Residents around Juneau have noticed that coastline formerly submerged, or swamped by high tides, is now high and dry. *The New York Times* reports that receding glaciers in the mountains just east of the capital are resulting in less weight pushing down on the land. The ground has begun to bounce back like a cushion, lifting much faster than rising sea level can keep up with it.

Roo Cull Halted

 A program to reduce the burgeoning number of kangaroos in a military training area near Canberra was suddenly suspended after complaints by an animal-rights group. About 4,000 of the up to 9,000 targeted marsupials had already been killed when Animal Liberation New South Wales complained the project was started without a proper scientific evaluation of the area's environment. Some experts say the cull is needed to reduce the abundance of kangaroos in the area and to allow more food for other animal species.

Earthquakes

 Los Angeles was jolted by two moderate quakes within as many days, putting the sprawling metropolitan area on edge. The shaking damaged walls in an apartment building, where 18 residents had to evacuate due to fears of a collapse. • Earth movements were also felt in metropolitan Dallas-Fort Worth, western Virginia, New York's Hudson River Valley, southern Peru and Indian-controlled Kashmir.

Saudi Rumbblings

 A series of strong tremors in a volcanic region of western Saudi Arabia prompted officials to briefly evacuate the entire populations of five villages due to concerns of a possible eruption. Villagers near Harrah Al-Shaqah reported a pungent smell and many said they believed the smell came from seismic and volcanic activity. The Saudi Geological Survey said the strongest of the numerous tremors registered a magnitude of 5.7. An eruption in the lava beds near Medina in 1256 produced six new volcanic cones.

Mindful Mockingbirds

 A study by the University of Florida of its campus' low-nesting mockingbird population reveals that the species apparently can recognize, remember and respond to people they deem as threats while completely ignoring others passing by. For several days, student volunteers walked up to the nests, gently touched them and then walked away. Writing in the *Proceedings of the National Academy of Sciences*, UF biology professor Doug Levey said that on the third and fourth days, the birds flushed from their nests more rapidly each time the increasingly familiar students appeared. This occurred even though the students took different paths toward the nests on successive days and wore different clothes. But when different, unfamiliar students approached the nests on the fifth day, the birds hardly ruffled their feathers until the last moment. It's believed that the recognition ability is one way the species has adapted to thrive in urban environments.

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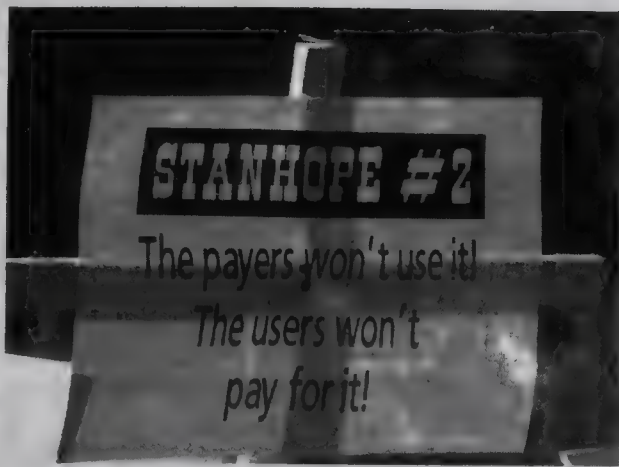
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Algonquin Highlands on a Collision Course with the Rest of the County

Liz Daniels

Staff Reporter

Protest Sends Clear Message to Municipal Council



Last Thursday's protest by Outloud Womyn's Voices was well prepared and held with a great deal of panache. Their melodic voices were heard loud and clear in protest of the Stanhope Airport expansion, both outside of the Algonquin Highlands Municipal Office and in the Council Chambers during their deputation; and while their statement was clear, the larger question is whether they had any impact on Council.

As many as 80 protesters from the Stanhope area and from across the County gathered together in front of the Municipal Office in Stanhope shortly after 7:00 a.m., carrying signs that called the project a 'white elephant', cried out that 'democracy had flown away on an unwanted runway' and 'stop the bullying.'

One sign in particular carried a very strong message. Jeff Barry, a victim of a terrible highway accident, carried a sign that said that a helipad had saved his life, not the runway and asked that the airport expansion be stopped.

As they arrived for their meeting (much of which was documented by CHEX TV and at least one other filmmaker), Councilors were greeted with humility, respect and a variety of songs adapted from the Earth Charter.

Many of the protesters filed into the Council Chambers to hear Brenda Peddigrew's deputation, made on behalf of the Outloud Womyn's Voices. Peddigrew said that the group is well known for their care and promotion of environmental values and for singing with conviction about the need to protect the land. She spoke with considerable passion when she said, "The Stanhope Airport isn't too small an example of the choices we are faced with these days, for every choice, no matter how small, contributes to the growth or diminishment of our natural resources."

Peddigrew said, "We believe that your decision contributes to their diminishment in many ways." She spoke with concern about the land that had been expropriated from citizens against their will, about neighbouring Town Councils taking a stand against the airport and about the voices being heard in protest through letters to politicians, highway signs and letters to the editors of all the local papers.

Peddigrew asked how in a democracy, with the groundswell of protest against the project, so few people could make a decision that was in direct opposition to the position taken by so many citizens. She asked why a referendum had not been held on the project and respectfully asked Council to reverse their decision to expand the airport.

As the deputation didn't take all of their allotted 10 minutes, the 'womyn' continued to fill the Chambers with song:-
"We shall not, we shall not be moved. We shall not, we shall not be moved."

Just like a tree that's planted by the water, we shall not be moved
By those whose hearts are hardened, we shall not be moved
By those who wage destruction, we shall not be moved."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison thanked the group for taking the time to voice their concerns. She said, "It is a delight to hear your voices and you certainly do send a strong message."

Harrison said that she would like to share some thoughts with the group and give them something to think about. She said that Council's number one priority had always been the safety of the pilots using the facility now and in the future. She advised the audience that last year engineers from the Ministry of Transportation had determined that the airport had reached the end of its useful life and needed to be rehabilitated. The cost for this alone is \$500,000 which is included in the Building Canada funding to expand the airport.

"Rehabilitating the existing infrastructure will not improve the safety or operability issues as the runway will still be too narrow, too short and have wind shear and crosswind problems," she said. Harrison said that there had been seven

documented cases of wind shear causing problems at the airport. She asked if the public wanted Council to wait until there is a fatality at the airport before taking action, because they didn't want to spend the money to improve the safety of the existing facility.

She said, "You may want that as your legacy, but I definitely don't want it to be mine!"

Harrison asked how many people had read their engineers report or were aware of the environmental work that had been done to date. She said that her

Council had always been environmentally sensitive in all of its decisions and that she was having difficulty understanding why the community would not welcome the \$2.5 million dollars in funding being brought into the County. (Harrison commented that she used the word community widely as many of the protesters were not from Algonquin Highlands.)

Harrison denied that there would be any significant increase in operating expenses or that there was a significant debt burden being placed on the taxpayers' shoulders. Despite the project being estimated to cost over \$3.5 million dollars (being shared equally by the Municipality and the federal and provincial governments) she said that estimates of the Municipality's share of the cost was \$750,000, something that they had budgeted for and reflected a reasonable cost compared to other infrastructure projects such as rehabilitating the St. Peters and Airport Road bridges, waste management and landfill expansion projects.

As democracy in Algonquin Highlands has been a widely criticized issue over recent months, Harrison then said, "You speak of democracy. Democracy is this Council elected by all of the voting public to make decisions which they believe represents the best interest of the entire township, not just selective special interests groups."

She said, "It would be bad enough to lose this significant amount of infrastructure funding, but I need you to ask yourselves, how bad it would be to lose the existing airport asset and the services that it currently provides. What impact might all the negative, unsupported and misinformation being put out to senior politicians, ministries, agencies and others have on future funding applications made by this Township?"

Harrison concluded her remarks by saying, "I hope I've given you something to think about, as you have given us something to think about."

At that point Cynthia McPhail, who arrived after the rest of the delegation and verged on being declared out of order, loudly declared that Harrison had lied to the residents about the levels of traffic at the airport and that she was sick of planes flying right over her house. The outburst

appeared to be separate from the delegation being made by the Outloud Womyn's Voices, who left the Chambers at that time.

All in all, the delegation was another clear example that, when it comes to the expansion of their airport, the Algonquin Highlands Council is headed on a collision course with the rest of the County. Harrison later said that the Municipality was construction ready, sending a clear message that regardless of public sentiment, the project is still considered to be 'all systems go.' ■



Outloud Womyn lead a protest against the Stanhope Airport Runway Project.

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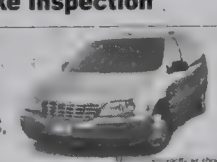
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MHCA Bowl-a-thon Exceeds Expectations

On May 20th, the Minden Health Care Auxiliary held its 4th annual fund raising bowl-a-thon at The Fast Lane in Minden. Proceeds from this most recent effort will go towards purchasing new equipment for long-term care nursing and the ER facility at Minden Hospital.

Susan Unger, president of MHCA, was delighted at the \$3,254.00 raised, an amount which exceeded expectations. She expressed gratitude to all bowlers and sponsors, along with a sincere thank-you to convenor, Marilyn Burrows. Special mention also went to Valerie and Andy Lennox, owners of The Fast Lane, who generously supported the Bowl-a-thon.

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When Red is Green - Minden Kins Show How it's Done



The Minden Kin Club has undertaken to go green. Inspired by reusable bags that were given to members at a conference, local KIN president, Tom Prentice, decided that it was such a good idea that the Minden club should follow suit and brought the idea home. Deputy Governor, Andy Hughes carried the ball to zone level prompting other clubs to consider "going green" as well.

As a gesture of "green-ness" KIN members Tammy Douglas and Heather Hughes were stationed at Dollo's IGA, Easton's ValuMart and the Minden Fruit Market on Saturday morning giving away bright red reusable bags with the KIN logo and the word "Minden" on them. Although Dollo's and ValuMart sell re-usable bags, they were supportive of both the green concept and the initiative KIN took toward reducing the plastic left in our landfills.

It seems some people have taken the expression "nothing is free" to heart. When offered bags, several shoppers declined but did an about turn when reassured that there was no cost. Candid Camera could have had some fun with this one. Overwhelmingly, people applauded KIN's efforts, and it wasn't difficult to see that the green concept is alive and well in Minden.

The Kin Club, along with other local groups and businesses, are demonstrating that the people of Haliburton County are trying to preserve our natural heritage, one small gesture at a time. Now, if we could only remember to take those bags shopping with us! ■



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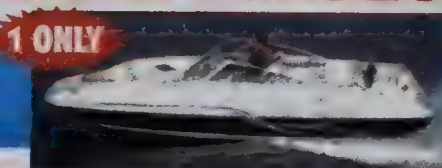
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Instituting a 'WEEE' Program in Algonquin Highlands

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

Once again the Municipality of Algonquin Highlands has taken a progressive step in their waste handling and recycling programs. Last year the Municipality introduced Big Red, an award winning and innovative approach to collecting waste products like disposable batteries, fluorescent bulbs, old cell phones and printer cartridges to name a few. This year the Council has agreed to take part in a new province-wide program developed for the collection and management of waste electronic and electrical equipment (the WEEE Program).

Gayle Short, the Municipal Waste Recycling Coordinator and Brian Whetstone, Manager of Operations, provided a summary of the program to Council last Thursday and discussed the options available to the Township. Short reported that e-waste is a term that refers to old, end-of-life or discarded equipment or appliances that used electricity at one time.

According to Short, the growing accumulation of e-waste has become a serious environmental concern around the globe as the number of items that contain potentially hazardous materials being discarded each year is increasing dramatically. She reported that if handled properly, e-waste is a valuable source for secondary raw materials such as gold, copper, aluminum, steel and glass, but if not treated properly can be a source of numerous carcinogens and toxins deposited directly into the landfill sites.

As the management of e-waste generates more public outcry, a number of provinces have established recycling programs to deal with it and many municipalities have developed their own e-waste diversion programs including Dysart et al that diverted 2000 items (an entire tractor trailer load) of e-waste from their landfills during 2008.

At the present time e-waste is accepted at the Maple Lake, Dorset and Oxtongue landfill sites and if the items are still functional they are left in the re-use buildings. However, if the items aren't taken they are all eventually disposed of in the landfill.

In July of last year the Ontario Electronic Stewardship (OES) announced a new program to divert e-waste from Ontario landfills which was funded by manufacturers and importers of electronic equipment, whereby municipalities

can voluntarily register to become collection site operators. Short advised Council that this can be done on either a year round basis or handled as special event days similar to the household hazardous waste program.

Under the new program, the disposal of eligible e-waste is to be free of charge to residents. The Municipality, as an OES approved collector, would receive a 'handling incentive' to receive, sort and package the e-waste for transportation with OES providing all of the packing materials and assuming responsibility for arranging and paying for pickup and transportation to consolidation centres.

The WEEE program is implemented in two phases. The first phase started on April 1st of this year where the Municipality can set up permanent collection depots to collect eligible materials like TV's, computer monitors, desktop and portable computers, printers and fax machines and peripherals like keyboards, mouse, disk and optical drives. The second phase, scheduled to start later in the year or in 2010 would include items like photocopiers, PDA's handheld computers, telephones, cell phones, modems, cameras as well as audio and video playback and recording systems.

Short said that she and Whetstone had looked carefully at the options available and the necessary budget and proposed a year round operation at the three sites, adding that the cost should be negligible. She suggested using portable car shelters to store the materials collected, adding that with OES paying for the materials the costs would be offset after several shipments were made.

Short also advised that an amendment would be required to the waste management by-law as there would no longer need to be a charge for disposal of electronics. She also said that should Council decide to participate, there would be no obligation to take part in the second phase. She said, "The list of materials that can be accepted in that phase is quite extensive and I'd like to focus on Phase 1 for now and only consider Phase 2 after evaluating the program further."

Reeve Eleanor Harrison said, "We've been somewhat of a leader in recycling and I think it would behoove us to continue, particularly as this is somewhat revenue neutral or even cost saving program." Whetstone, however, cautioned that there would be some costs incurred as he was unsure at this point exactly how much labour would be involved in sorting, packing and storing materials as well as recording and reporting on the amount of materials shipped.

Deputy Reeve Tom Gardner voiced concern about the Municipality going into competition with existing recyclers and asked if participating in the WEEE program would preclude them from entering into an agreement with a company like Darko Enterprises that has been proposing to establish an electronic waste recycling business for some time. Short advised that the program does not allow the Municipality to deal with anyone else, unless it is for electronics that aren't included in the program.

Harrison suggested that individuals in the community could deal with Darko Enterprises directly. Short advised that the Municipality would just be a collection site and that Darko could be key to the program as well as a handler of materials.

Councillor Diane Griffin inquired if this program would change the Municipality's certificates of approval for the landfill sites and Whetstone, while recommending that Council proceed with the program, agreed to follow up with the bureaucracy as required, adding that he didn't think that the requirements would be too onerous.

Short also reported that OES are developing training materials for collection staff that focus on the health and safety requirements associated with handling of e-waste.

Council passed a resolution to proceed with the program and the waste management by-law will be brought to a subsequent meeting with the necessary changes. ■

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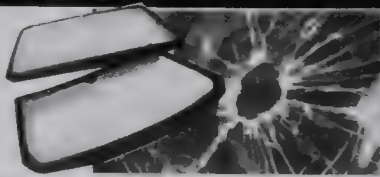
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MPP Rick Johnson Tours the Bancroft Uranium Drill Site

Stephen Patrick
Editor

Haliburton – Kawartha Lakes – Brock MPP Rick Johnson spent a morning last week touring a 100 acre slice of Crown Land to see for himself the environmental impact that simple mining exploration can have. Bancroft Uranium had bought exploration rights to this bush, which straddles an idyllic section of the Irondale River, from a speculative prospector a few years ago.

Johnson was given the tour of the site by three Haliburton activists: Robin Simpson of FUME (Fight Uranium Mining and Exploration), whose 100 acre property is directly opposite the staked land (and which has also been staked, but not explored); Roger Young, another member of FUME, a former federal Liberal MP, and a full time resident of Glamour Lake; and Susanne Lauten, a Gull Lake cottager and founder of CUME (Cottagers against Uranium Mining and Exploration).

The weather was beautiful, the black flies numbered in the millions, and the ecological devastation caused by the exploration and drilling of some 400 test holes clearly made a serious impression on MPP Johnson. "It's obviously very disappointing the amount of damage that's been done," Johnston told the Voice as he looked over a particularly peaceful stretch of the river. "I realize that permits and so on were in place, but we clearly have to pay attention to what's being done here."

Robin Simpson pointed out that Bancroft Uranium had initially said they were going to drill just 50 holes of approximately 150 feet average depth. "What the company actually did was to drill some 400 holes, for a total of about 20,000 feet of depth, or about 400 feet each. They also drilled down to the river itself, ignoring the 400 foot exclusion zone, and it appears as if that last hole might even have gone under the river itself."

Susanne Lauten added that 363,000 mining claims were issued last year in Ontario alone, although only a handful are actually explored, and even fewer are mined. Roger Young told Johnson that the tax base would suffer greatly if mining were allowed back into Haliburton County. Property values would plummet, and the long-range economic benefits would be minimal.

At issue is the legislation currently before the Legislature in Queen's Park that has put a moratorium on future staking of private land in Southern Ontario. All three community activists told Johnson in no uncertain terms that a 'moratorium' was just that: a temporary measure that could be reversed at the will of the Minister at any time. Simpson also pointed out that in reality these stakings and explorations almost never lead to any real mining, particularly in Southern Ontario. "What happens is a prospector stakes your land, and perhaps drills one hole, and gets a reading that could be positive? He then sells the claim, for a tidy sum, to a penny-stock mining company, such as Bancroft Uranium. So now Bancroft Uranium sends their bulldozers through your land, drilling at random, or in this case, trying to duplicate the results obtained the last time this was done, decades ago. They might get one positive reading, which could be enough to make their penny stock go up 100 percent for a week or so. So now the company's owners make a bundle, the original prospective is a happy camper, but there's really no viable mine there. Except now the private landowner, or in the case of crown land, the public, has had their property practically ruined. So this is really a game that has little to do with mining, and a lot to do with short-term stock market gains.

"Also, FUME has talked with the big mining companies, the big players, in Toronto, and none of them have any interest in mining in Southern Ontario. So all this is a speculation game, pure and simple."

This week MPP Johnson told the Voice that he'd had a productive meeting with Environment Minister John Gerretsen right after his tour of the Bancroft Uranium site, and that he made him aware of how upset he was with what he'd found. His advice was to make sure the Minister of Mines, Michael Gravelle, was kept fully informed as well, particularly as the bill is going through the Legislature. "I was so impressed with Mr. Simpson, Mr. Young, and Ms. Lauten's honesty and how they simply stuck to the facts. I'm really grateful they took the time to show me what's really going on. And I will make certain they will have the opportunity to take part in the public hearings that will be part of the legislative process."

"This is clearly part of my learning curve."
(MPP Johnson)



Top: Roger Young, Robin Simpson, MPP Rick Johnson, and Suzanne Lauten

Middle: FUME's Robin Simpson

Bottom: A Capped Exploration Drill Hole



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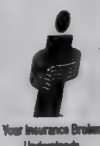
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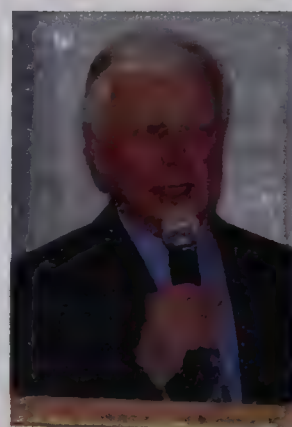
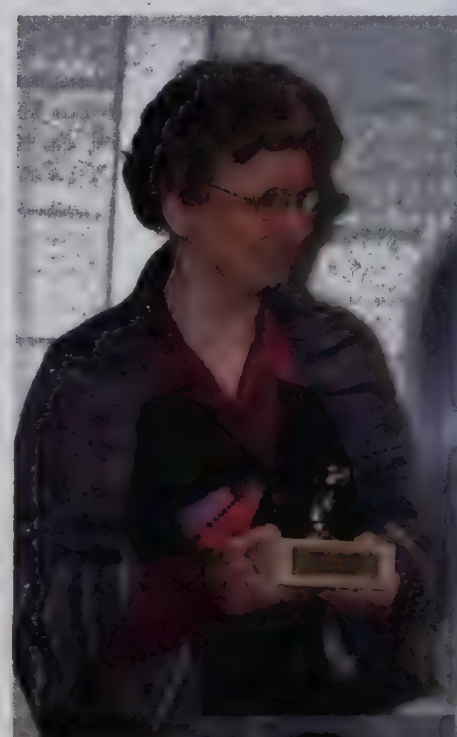
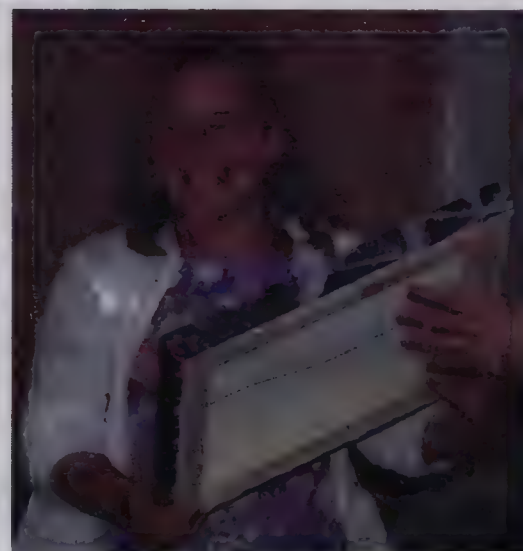
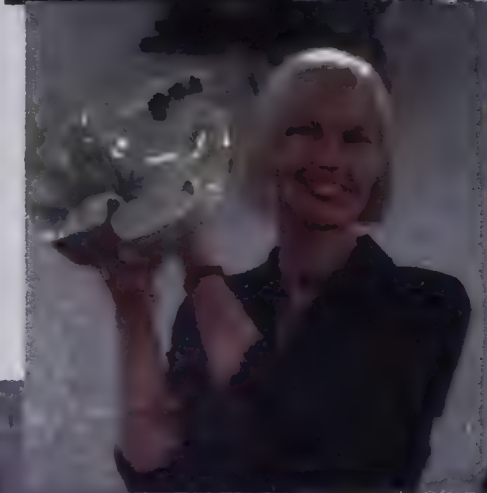
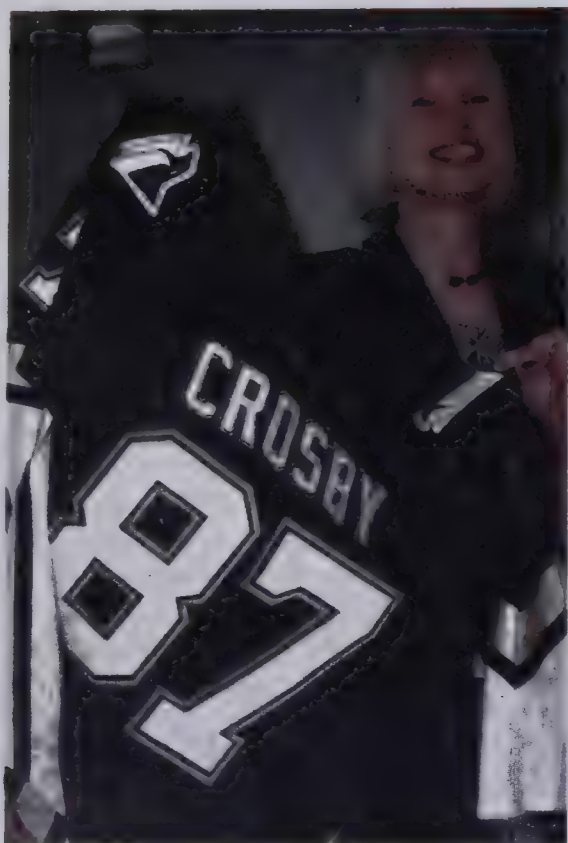
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Haliburton's Enviro Heroes Honoured in Minden

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

"Not the glittering weapon fights the fight, but rather the hero's heart."

You might have heard that proverb before.

The adage takes on a special poignancy in today's world, where glitter often usurps the mundane plodding of the human heart.

No such glitter extant last Friday evening, in the country confines of the Minden Rec Center.

That's where a group of Haliburton Highlands heroes gathered last Friday for an annual event that's quickly becoming a go-to, no-miss function for the special fans and dedicated cognoscente of this county's natural marvels.

And those embellishments of nature, brimming so eloquently on this hard edge of the Canadian Shield, get a special mention at this time every year. They are recognized not for their glittering natural stature and status, but rather for the way they are seen through the hearts, minds and eyes of our local heroes.

You get a measure about just how important the environment is to the residents of Haliburton every year at the Wild About Nature Gala in support of the Haliburton Land Trust.

This year it was again held at the Minden Rec Centre, and it was, again, a huge success. The house was packed with heroes of all ages. Heroes who would prefer to eschew the limelight, but heroes who, once a year, are forced to imbibe of the kudos. Kudos earned over many years of plodding that oft-lonely path of environmental activism.

Heroes that forego white horse for canoe, or hiking boots, snowshoes and skis, or a keyboard stuffed with petitions and poetry and pedagogy. Heroes that offer their time, talent and skill for the good cause of the environment.

The annual Gala sets out to recognize accomplishments, but also hopes to instill awareness and motivation on the part of the general public. "If you're not part of the solution, you're part of the problem."

Sheila Ziman, chair of the Haliburton Highlands Land Trust (HHLT) - who organize this yearly event - would never stoop to such crass blandishment, but the basic premise that involvement of the whole community is necessary to move forward is out there in the wind. "Once again we will be honoring a few of the many individuals, organizations and businesses... that truly deserve to be recognized as Enviro-Heroes," says Ziman.

It's why the Gala is so important. To plant the seed in the minds and hearts; and to lead by example.

"[The Gala] enables us to move forward in our mission to protect the natural heritage of Haliburton County for future generations," says Ziman in the introduction of the Gala's commemorative booklet.

First and foremost the Gala is a fundraiser, an event that allows the Land Trust to move forward with their many projects. The Land Trust is currently overseeing the donation of the remarkable Dahl Forest property off of Gelert Road. The 500 acres of pristine forest will be held in perpetuity by the Land Trust and that, added to the Norah Island endowment on Kennis Lake bodes well for the Land Trust's contribution to future generations.

Overseeing such large and laudable transactions requires no small amount of funding and that's why this annual gala is so important to the HHLT.

"We have been fortunate to have so many local businesses and artists contribute to our auctions and raffles and help to sponsor this event," says Ziman.

The evening was emceed by Canoe FM radio personalities Jack Brezina and Mike Jaycock. They managed all of the special awards presentations and also worked very hard in the always-popular Loonie Auction, a popping event that features donated works or services from many local artists and businesses.

This year's consensus winner in the Loonie Auction was a photo print by Voice contributor and Communicator writer George Farrell. The barred owl photo on canvas stretched the limits of the Loonie auction drawing well in excess of 130 bidders. Young environmentalist Joanie Tyler, won the print and she immediately handed it to her brother Sam for his birthday.

A whole phalanx of other local artists lined tables with donated art for the silent auction portion of the event. The event is a ma-

jor fundraiser for the HHLT and Ziman says that it's all down to the generosity of local artists and crafters, who maintain a distinct and fundamental tie to the rich biodiversity here in the Highlands.

It's all part of that rich Highlands tradition of giving back and Ziman gave a huge shout out to all of the contributors who made the evening such a big success.

But of course it all dovetails to the underlying theme of heroes. Mary Anne Barkhouse, a nationally recognized and award winning artist and sculptor designed the special awards. Mary Anne lives in the Highlands now, but her environmentally significant installations have been showcased all across Canada and the U.S..

The Enviro-hero awards were given in six categories: Business, Education, Stewardship, Arts, Health and Youth. This is the first year for the Youth Award and the inaugural winner was Hal High secondary student Kyla Suchovs. [Other nominees included Marcus Hewitt and Tessa Barnes.] Suchovs is an "integral member" of Hal High's EcoSchools Committee and Envirothon. Suchovs and her Envirothon teammates compete against other schools in the province in a series of problem solving contests, with a goal of fostering environmental awareness in the schools.

Glenside Ecological Services Limited, managed by Paul and Irene Heaven won the Business Award. Glenside delivers leading edge ecological research and has provided Haliburton County with invaluable info over the years, including a legacy project detailing and mapping the species at risk and natural heritage component here in the county. [Other business nominees included Patient news Publishing, Catching Green and Greg Brown of Haliburton Geothermal]

Chris Magwood won in the Education category this year. Chris is a leading educator in the field of environmental sustainability and sponsors many workshops and presentations on straw bale housing and architecture. [Other Education nominees included Catching Green, Kinark Centre, Irene Heaven, Al Aubrey, Amy Klose and County Haliburton Advocates for a Naturally Good Environment CHANGE]

Donald Benson won the enviro hero award in the Stewardship category. Benson has been actively involved for years in the local stewardship council (HHSC), as well as other work in: the Lake Planning Tool, Shoreline Management Education, the Lakeland Conference, the Stewardship Series and the Trent-Severn Review. A passionate manager, Don walks the walk. [Other business nominees included: Brent Wooten, Robert Lovelace, Bonnie Fleischaker, Paul Heaven, Mark and Sandra Bramham, Charles Tyler and Laura Berman.]

The Arts Enviro-hero award went to Wendy Bateman, a master spinner, who weaves nature, lovingly into her work. She once wove a native sweat lodge out of 5,000 grocery bags, an ironic and perhaps iconic artistic statement. [Other nominees included: Carole Finn, Robert Van Nood Earthdance Studio and Andy Hillo Jr.]

The Health Award this year went to Rosie Kadwell, a registered dietician who runs numerous healthy eating initiatives in the county. A tireless voice for good nutrition in the Highlands, Kadwell has been working for years with food action programs like Grow a Row, Milk for Moms, Community Gardens and Student Nourishment Programs to name just a few.

The nominees and the organizers mostly toil in the shadows, eschewing the harsh glare of notoriety.

Once in a year they let the lights shine on a growing list of accomplishments, and the tireless work of the real heroes of Haliburton County.

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The Highlands Wind Symphony Wows a Packed House

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter



It's not often you'll see a concert emcee, dressed to the nines in tie and tails, drop his pants for the cause.

But that's exactly what Jack Brezina did last Sunday afternoon during the Highlands Wind Symphony's successful and entertaining Spring Concert performance.

Okay, it wasn't the highlight of the afternoon, but it certainly placed an exclamation mark on the proceedings.

Brezina didn't actually lose his trousers, but instead, changed to shorts to welcome the large crowd back from intermission. He admitted to feeling a tad "overdressed" during the introductions at the Northern Lights Performing Arts Pavilion last Sunday afternoon, and his strategic costume change, not performed in a phone booth, earned a smattering of applause and the de rigueur catcalls from the fully packed auditorium.

The annual concert, featuring an entourage made up entirely of a dedicated group of local performers, is quickly becoming a spring rite of passage in the Highlands. The afternoon's performance was managed superbly and kept audience toes tapping for the entire two-hour presentation. The appreciative crowd awarded their friends, relatives and neighbors performing in the ensemble with sustained rounds of applause.

Glen Carter and Lorie Reddering co-conducted the outstanding event, which featured a wide cross section of musical composition from Lennon and McCartney, to Puccini, to Tchaikovsky, to several marches by James Swearingham and a selection of swing tunes including Cole Porter's "I get a Kick Out of You."

Eclectic and all-encompassing as always, the afternoon also included some vocals by the ever-popular Jerelyn Craden, who joined the Highlands Swing band for "When I Fall in Love" and the aforementioned "I Get a Kick." A very nice medley, well and truly hammered to a lovely point by the Swing Band and Craden.

Tuba player Dan Manley and Melissa Stephens performed a duet for tuba and piano by J.S. Bach which was stirring and memorable.

Stephens also teamed up with cellist Bethany Houghton who performed a nuance-driven Elegy by Gabriel Faure. Houghton is also a luthier and crafts wooden instruments here in the Highlands, including the remarkably crafted cello that she played on Sunday afternoon.

A very entertaining spot included the debut of the Bowed Well String Ensemble, a group of novice players who wowed the crowd with their rendition of Lennon and McCartney's "When I'm Sixty-four."

- And truly, the Bowed Well ensemble really struck a chord for the whole afternoon performance. A dedicated group of amateurs, who are possessed of a rich and vibrant desire. A lovely endowment to the Highlands rich legacy of music. Proving that old dogs and new tricks do commingle, at times quite beautifully.

You see this concert is an anomaly.

Not many small towns in Canada have anything to match this group of dedicated artists. The orchestra comes together, not out of monetary considerations, but out of a singleness of purpose. To perform. They're certainly not doing it for the headlines.

No, the Wind Symphony, congregates out of an inner aesthetic. They love making music and it shows.

It shows in the marches, and it resonates in the operatic stylings.

Truly a group of self-deprecating musicians who enjoy the company of like-minded souls.

This year's Wind Symphony included a very stirring number called Vent d'Espoir music written and composed by Sgt Dennis Fortier. The ensemble received special dispensation from the armed forces to play the piece and it was truly a haunting highlight of the afternoon.

Both Reddering and Carter thanked the dedicated group of musicians, who spend a lot of time rehearsing for the annual event.

Carter and Reddering said they were very lucky to be able to work with such a dedicated, tireless and selfless group.

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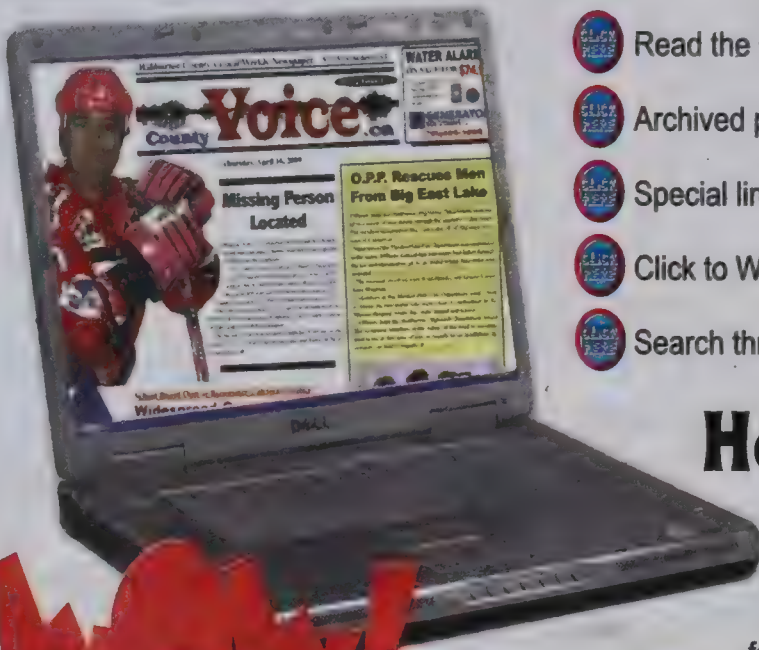
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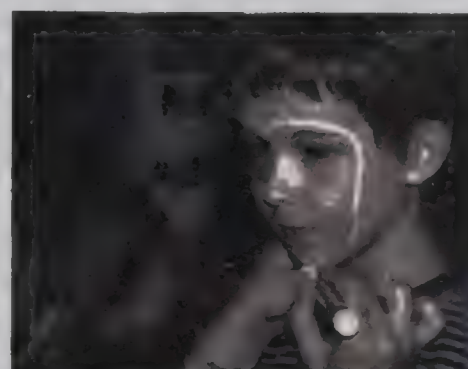
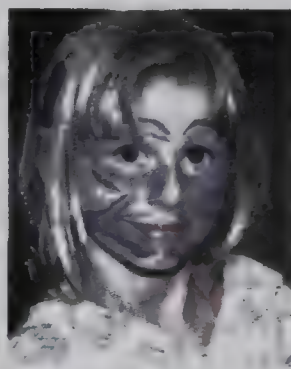
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Lyn Winans



Archie Stouffer School in Minden hosted its second spring carnival and fund-raiser on May 21st. The event was well supported by the community with over 50 door prizes donated by local individuals and businesses.

While head chef Rob Parish oversaw the BBQ other school staff and volunteers organized a large assortment of games and activities for families to enjoy.

Although ASES fund-raises for many worthy causes, proceeds from the spring carnival go to towards enhancing various programs within the school. ■



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Coalition of Haliburton Associations Gains Momentum

Liz Daniels
Staff Reporter

During the first week in June the Coalition of Haliburton Associations (the Coalition or CHA) will be taking steps to establish a formal structure. This ad hoc coalition of 23 property owners and lake associations has met a number of times since their inception last summer, holding roundtable discussions about their shared values, their official name, their mission statement and their goals, but has yet to fill various positions or establish an executive.

The idea to form the Coalition originated with Napier Simpson, Vice President of the Maple, Beech and Cameron Lakes Area Property Owners Association (MBC). Simpson saw the need to share ideas and come up with ways to reduce volunteer work loads and things took off from there. Since that time the group has appointed a small task force that includes Simpson, Duncan McCallum, President of the Kennis Lake Cottage Owners' Association, and Paul MacInnes, President of MBC.

The Coalition has established a formal mandate that states: From a foundation of shared values, the Coalition of Haliburton Lake Area Associations will support and strengthen member associations by sharing resources of common interest and advocating on common issues.

Despite its youth, the Coalition has been busy with a major project; establishing an all encompassing lake area property owner's manual. MacInnes, who says that he is tremendously excited about the idea of the Coalition, is even more excited about the first large project that they are taking on.

The Coalition has been working with U-Links on this project and the manual was introduced as part of an environmental science course at Trent University. While work on the manual originally involved three students, Ryan Starnaman, a mature student enrolled in the Environmental Studies Program, felt that they had only scratched the surface and decided to continue their work.

Starnaman said he is conducting research for the Coalition in the hopes that it will motivate property owners or renters to think more carefully about their actions when it comes to caring for their environment. He said, "I thought this would be a great opportunity to get involved with 'real world' issues and I'm approaching the project with the intent of making it a real learning experience rather than just another assignment."

With the help of Heather Reid of U-Links, his supervising professor Tom Whillans and MacInnes, Starnaman will be continuing on with the project to its completion.

MacInnes said that over the years a number of organizations have put considerable effort into providing information in the form of manuals to lakefront property owners as guides to healthy waterfront living. However, he says that it is his experience that only a small percentage of people will actually refer to a thick manual as a source of information.

"Most of the people are more interested in taking small steps to protect their environment and they need the information presented to them in a user friendly format. The idea behind this

new manual is to provide all of the information that shoreline or lake area property owners need in bite size chunks."

MacInnes referred to a recent presentation to his association on Septic Smarts. He said, "With a topic like septic systems, you start out with why it could be important, not to the global environment, but to you as a property owner. Every drop of water that you put in your septic system ends up in the waterways or in your soil and into your own water system and it's important to handle things properly."

The manual will give owners a number of headings (the Coalition already has as many as 45 different topics to cover from mice and squirrels to bears, night skies, household cleaning products, shoreline management to septic smarts and everything in between.) People will be able to easily flip to a page labelled 'septics', get the five do's and don'ts on the subject and the reasons behind the tips that are provided.

"That is one plank of the project," he said, "to provide the necessary information to the 80 or 90 percent of people who, if given the right information in the right format, will alter their behaviour over time."

MacInnes referred to MBC's newsletter, sent out weekly during the summer and monthly during the winter in the form of a one page e-mail. "We offer a green tip in each one that could only be three or four lines long. It's easy to adopt, explains the reasons why and tries to quantify the impact if people adopt the tip." He said the response has been phenomenal.

"People love it because it is bite sized and easy to do and it can alter a small behaviour. We think that this manual will provide that same kind of role. For each topic the information is on one page. You get the information you need and at the bottom of the page there will be websites and links to more information if anyone wants to get more detail."

According to MacInnes there will be two more elements to the manual. Topics will be tailored to Haliburton County. For example, instead of shoreline naturalization information coming from a manual that may have originated in Georgia, this manual will talk about species that are native to the County. There will also be a section of the manual that will be lake specific, so if you're a new property owner or a renter on Redstone Lake, the manual will include an area that is specific to the lake and will tell you where the boat launch or the dump is, talk about garbage handling and provide emergency or municipal contact information; all of the information that people who are new to the area need.

"From that point on it will not only tell you how to deal with raccoons and night skies, but it will also have specific information about your lake, your municipality and the county."

"From the associations' point of view we see enormous benefits. We hope to have every real estate agent in the County have copies of the manual and the ability to print more, and when the agent sells a property on Redstone Lake, instead of giving the new owners a basket of fruit when they move in, they can give them a property owner's manual, along with a one year membership in their particular association."

"The property owners asso-

ciations capture the new owner as a member right off the bat and the information provided to the new owners frees up a tremendous amount of resources." MacInnes said that when the Coalition members first got together, one of the biggest issues identified was that most associations didn't have enough volunteer hours to handle everything they wanted to handle and the lake area property owner's manual relieves them of having to capture new members and provide information.

MacInnes also noted that the Coalition had discussed the matter of privacy and readily agreed that anyone's wish for privacy will be honoured and the agent involved will not pass their information on to the association. The buyer would still be gifted with a manual.

The other thing that will be of benefit to the Coalition and its members is that on the back of every page will be advertising from major corporate sponsors who are more than happy to be reaching a larger market than what they might reach with a single association. And the Coalition will have a source of revenue that will not only pay for the guide, but for operations of the Coalition itself.

MacInnes also said that during the Coalition's first meeting it became clear quickly that although there were individual issues unique to particular associations, all of the associations had common issues and challenges. Through the simple sharing of information through electronic newsletters, like those produced by Norma Goodger on Kushog Lake that have included details like antibacterial soaps for the cottage or the type of gas to use in your boat and why, enormous amounts of time can be saved and information provided to everyone that belongs to the Coalition.

By pooling your resources, MacInnes said that all of the associations can save considerable volunteer time which can be put to helping with regattas or other association events, some of which are failing due to lack of volunteer time.

MacInnes also referred to the tremendous amount of knowledge that is resident in the lake stewards. He said, "Don Benson is considered by MNR to be one of the leading experts in the County on rehabilitating lake trout spawning areas and each of the lake stewards have unique knowledge that could be shared. If a lake steward on Redstone Lake is wrestling with a problem, the coalition can provide a means of communication to get in touch with other lake stewards." MacInnes said that at the present time many of the individual lake stewards don't know each other or how to get in touch.

When asked if the Coalition had any political aspirations, MacInnes said that there are several distinct kinds of associations within the County. "While there are a number of associations that won't hesitate to get involved in issues that are political in nature that are affecting their members, whether it is runways or uranium mining, there are others that want absolutely nothing to do with anything that smacks of politics."

"We had some frank debates at our first two meetings and decided that in order to achieve one of our major aims which is synergy, we needed to stay away from politics."

However, MacInnes said that while the Coalition will not get involved in political issues, there is the opportunity during a meeting to raise a specific issue affecting an association that others may be interested in or be concerned about. If they choose to stay behind for a briefing and later become involved once

they have done their own due diligence, MacInnes suggested that could still be done outside of the mandate of the Coalition.

MacInnes also said that there have been concerns expressed that the Coalition will be stepping on the toes

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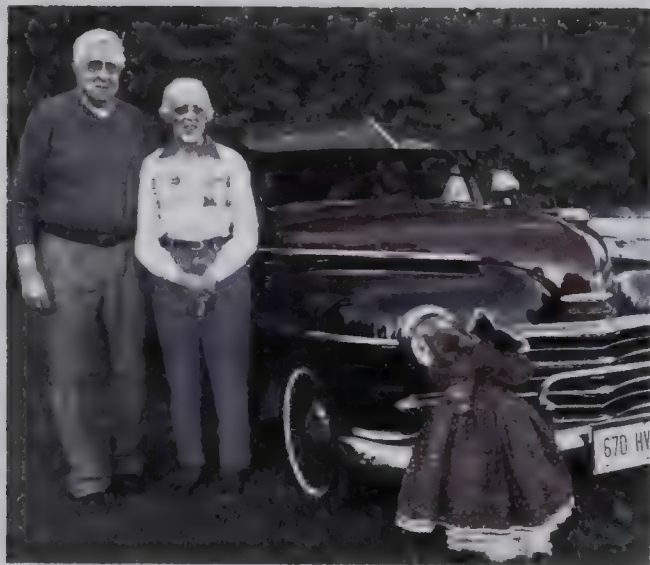
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Time Travelers Car Club has First Gathering of the season

The Haliburton Highlands Time Travelers Car Club held their first gathering, a "meet and greet" at the old Lochlin school last Thursday evening. The gathering was well attended, and with BBQ's sharing the parking lot along with an assortment of shiny classic vehicles, everyone was well fed. The club presently has about 40 members, and any car enthusiasts are welcome to join: owning a car is not a requirement.

Regular weekly cruises will begin on June 18th and alternate between Haliburton and Minden. The Time Travelers Car Club will have its largest gathering during the Canada Day festivities in Minden on July 1st starting at 9 AM on South Water St. It's a great opportunity to see many vehicles, both cars and trucks produced prior to 1984.

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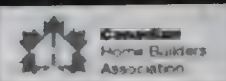
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of other organizations. He said, "Those concerns are totally unfounded. We do not intend to do work that is being done elsewhere, regardless of who is doing the work. There is nothing gained by duplication of existing projects."

MacInnes said that one of the greatest challenges that the Coalition faces is the lack of communication and contact information. He said that to date, the Coalition hasn't been able to reach all of the Haliburton County Associations (or real estate agents who may want to get involved with either the Coalition or their property owner's manual.) He offered his e-mail (pmacinn3@sympatico.ca) or that of Duncan McCallum (duncan.mccallum@rogers.com) for anyone who wants to get involved. ■

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Will South Wilberforce Road be Alive and Well in Highlands East?

Liz Danielsen

Staff Reporter

This week the Highlands East Council reversed a decision made in April to retain the name of Saunders Road in Wilberforce and has honoured a promise made by the previous Council to reinstate the name South Wilberforce Road. This long standing and extremely contentious issue has gone around in circles for several years now, and Council finally decided to stand by the previous Council's word.

During their April meeting, Council heard a delegation by Tracey Green and Joan Barton who, armed with a small petition and a number of suggestions on how the heritage in the area could be maintained and promoted, managed to convince the Council to leave things well enough alone and to all appearances, that meant Saunders Road was there to stay. However, at the following meeting, one of the members of the old guard, Richard Young, made a very different presentation, offering a number of reasons why the original name (of South Wilberforce Road) should be reinstated.

This heritage road, named South Wilberforce Road by the first settlers in the area, had its name changed to Saunders Road when a failing bridge caused the road to be split for several years until the bridge could be replaced. Many of the residents were concerned about the loss of the name at the time and the existing Council promised that when the bridge was replaced, the original name would be reinstated.

This is a perfect example of a small rural municipal Council caving in to pressure applied by their residents. Barton and Green made solid arguments about why the road should remain Saunders Road and feeling that the matter had been discussed to the point of overkill, the Council agreed. When Young made equally compelling arguments to have the old name reinstated at the subsequent meeting, the Council seemed inclined to change their minds once more.

However, when Council was posed to vote on the matter, Councillor Susanne Partridge made an argument against making a decision as the issue had not been on the agenda and a resolution should not be passed

without the public being made aware that the matter was back on the table again. They agreed to put the issue back on the agenda for their meeting this week and both Young and Green were in attendance to make their arguments one more time.

Young referred to the discussions and surveys that had been conducted in the past and reiterated his arguments about the history of the area being lost. Young told Council, "There are a lot of hard feelings now that could have been avoided." He commented on the fact

that Barton had not even polled a third of the residents previously polled and asked why Council had not let any of the residents who had worked so hard to keep the name in place had not been advised of the decision made in April to leave the road as Saunders Road. He said, "I actually had to read about this in the local newspaper."

Referring to previous arguments made by Council that it was only because of the County's 911 protocol that the old name could not be reinstated, Young referred to the County's requirements and the Municipality's own by-law that allows the Council to make the a change without the County's approval or even that of area residents. He also referred to comments reported in the Voice by the County's Roy Haig (responsible for the 911 system) who acknowledged that names could be changed under special circumstances.

Young said, "I believe that special circumstances do come into play here as we are preserving our local history. If we lose the original name we also lose the original community." Young also referred to a number of maps and history books of the area which all clearly identify the road as South Wilberforce Road and asked Council to consider either honouring the promise made by previous Reeve Keith Tallman (and honour his memory in that way) or to at least consider changing the name to the Old Wilberforce Road rather than Saunders Road.

Tracey Green voiced her frustration with the fact that Council was giving the road naming consideration once more. Green, who lives on a historic site on the road, reiterated her comments made at the meeting in April that there were a number of ways to commemorate the historical significance of the area and offered her assistance in a number of ways to see that happen, even by erecting a prominent plaque on her own property.

Green commented that the issue of renaming the road kept coming back to Council simply to satisfy the wishes of a very small number of residents and that reinstating the old name would initiate the need for policy change, not only at the Municipal level but at the County level as well.

Deputy Reeve Jim Mackie recommended putting a resolution on the floor to change the road's name back to South Wilberforce Road and taking a recorded vote. Councillor Donna Graham said that the Council should honour previous Council's promises made to reinstate the name.

When Partridge suggested that it was a very hard decision to make, Mackie said, "We've been playing around with this since the bridge was replaced and all we're doing is making residents angry. It's time to take action." The resolution was prepared, reinstating the name to South Wilberforce Road, and was passed unanimously by Council.

As far as residents being angry, it would appear by a letter to the Editor from Green's husband in this issue voicing his frustration with a rather less than perfect democratic process, this issue is one that continues to make people's blood boil.

It would also appear that the matter isn't truly over yet as, despite the Council deciding to proceed on its own, input from the County of Haliburton will likely still be forthcoming. ■

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School Review Process Has Many Concerns About An Uncertain Future

Mark Arike
Staff Reporter

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The third is to keep both schools open with programming changes that would have junior kindergarten to grade three students in one school and grades four to eight students in the other.

Number four suggests keeping one school open for a period of time and then switching students to the other school for an equal period of time in the year.

In a PowerPoint presentation that was made to the crowd, each scenario was accompanied with the following: examples of future considerations (i.e. enhancements to the facilities, parking enhancements, child care implications, etc.), the possible organization structure of classrooms, maintenance considerations, potential staffing considerations and potential transportation.

In order for each scenario to work the current number of students who live in the communities needs to stay the same.

Before presenters made their way to podium to express their thoughts and opinions, Valerie Smith, TLDSB Chair and PARC member, reminded the audience that the purpose of the process is to find the solution that is best for all students. She added that the school board and the PARC haven't made any decisions regarding the futures of the two schools.

"We are certain that a solution can be found within the communities of Cardiff and Wilberforce," said Smith.

What are some of the options that won't be considered in the process? Well, since day one status quo wasn't a possibility and neither was building a new school. At Wednesday's input session, two more "book ends" were introduced.

"In reviewing the scenarios we have come to realize that there are two other parameters," explained Gale Sherin, Superintendent of Elementary School Improvement and PARC member. "We cannot move board or school boundaries because there aren't enough students to make a critical difference outside of these communities. We also can't send students out of our board. We believe that we can find a solution in these two communities."

The 16 written submissions submitted in time for the meeting weren't read aloud because of time constraints; however, those who made verbal presentations were heard loud and clear. Individual presenters had five minutes to say their piece while those representing a group had 10 minutes to do so.

Most presenters refrained from making negative statements about a community and its people, but each stood in support of the community they live in and the school that's a part of it.

Trish Byrne, a nurse in Haliburton and mother of a kindergarten student at Wilberforce Elementary School, firmly stated that a school closure in Wilberforce would deal a devastating blow to her and her family.

"One of the primary reasons we moved up here was because Wilberforce has a school," said Byrne. "Now the possibility of our school's closure raises insecurities to the potential our home can offer our family...if this possibility comes to be reality, we feel that we will be forced to send our children to Haliburton's elementary school."

Mary Harnden, a sales representative for RE/MAX of Haliburton Highlands, described how a school closure in Wilberforce would have a negative impact on real estate in the area.

"Proximity to schools, particularly primary schools, increases the value of residential property. Therefore closing the school will immediately and permanently depress the value of property and reduce the viability of local businesses in this community," said Harnden. "The availability of a school within a community is a significant factor when young families consider moving to our community."

Roy Hoare, a former supply teacher at both schools, came forward to present his opinions of the students at the schools based on his first-hand experiences.

"I found the Wilberforce Elementary School to be excellent. I thoroughly enjoyed my interaction with the students," said Hoare. "At Cardiff Elementary School I've made several presentations for Health for Life and I've presented my Alaskan experience there. I found the kids there to be totally enthusiastic and cooperative. My wife taught there last week and she viewed the entire student body the same way." In turn, Hoare received a round of applause from the audience for his positive comments about each student body.

Hoare added that he experienced the school closures that happened in

about at both schools."

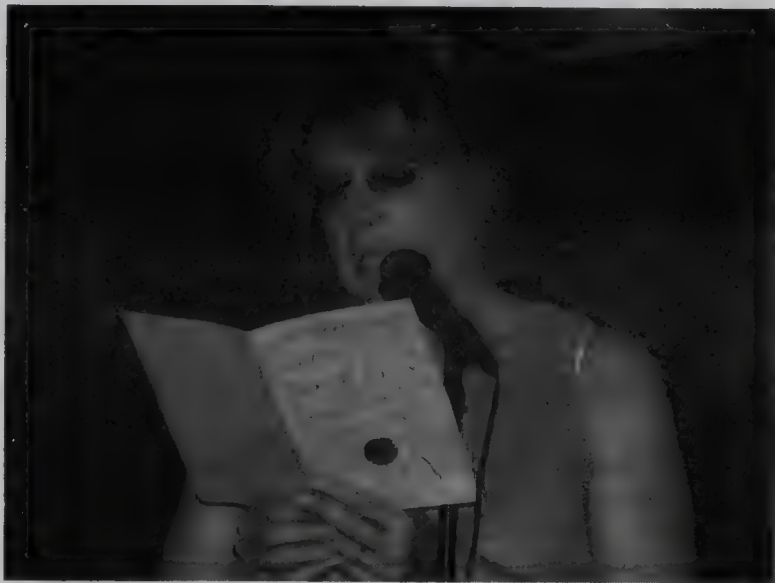
"It's about being good role models and setting good examples. It's about providing a safe and nurturing learning environment. It's about coming together to find the best possible solution to an unfortunate situation," she said.

Charles Hughes, a former principal at Wilberforce Elementary School for 22 years, said that he has heard from many "reliable sources" about problems that exist at Cardiff Elementary School.

"In Cardiff there exists a reputation that I feel needs to be pointed out," said Hughes. Though he did say that he didn't intend on bashing either community, he blamed feminism, materialism, humanism, and environmentalism for low birth rates in the small towns. He added that the public school system was "paganized" in the 1980s.

"We are reaping what we have sown," he said of the school system.

A couple of group presentations were made during the public input session, one of which included former,



current and future students of the Wilberforce Elementary School. The group was brought to the front of the audience to present the PARC with 620-signed cards of support for the Wilberforce school.

Following the presentations, a question and answer period was held. One of the questions asked by an audience member was about the possibility of students leaving the community. She wanted to know what would become of the scenario chosen and what steps would be taken to find a new solution.

"How are the 2012 projections going to stay true if people leave these communities? What if these projections are wrong?" she asked. Superintendent Sherin answered by stating, "I don't have the answer to that."

In September of last year, TLDSB trustees decided to initiate the Program and Accommodation Review process due to declining enrolment.

And these reviews are becoming more and more common. According to Statistics Canada, declining enrolment is on the rise across the province. Elementary and secondary school enrolment is projected to decline by as much 500,000 in the next 10 years.

To start the process, school representatives, a municipal representative, a businessman, TLDSB trustees and other support staff, and the principal of both schools, Elaine Fournier, formed the PARC.

Since forming the group developed a valuation framework document. This document includes a list of criteria that considers each school's value to the student, board, community and the local economy. Inspections of both school structures were completed and both were deemed structurally sound. The PARC has also accepted input from people in the community for each of the four input sessions that have been held. Four public sessions is the required number set out by the Ministry of Education.

Using recommendations from the PARC, the director and senior administration will create a report to give to school board trustees, who will have the final say on the future of both schools. The final decision should be made next fall.

The PARC is accepting more input from the public until June 30. To find out how you can give input visit www.tlidsb.on.ca. There you'll also find more details about each scenario presented. ■

Harcourt, Tory Hill and Essonville. In his eyes the process now underway in Cardiff and Wilberforce is no different.

"In each community the people were upset," he said. "They voiced their concern and opposition towards the closures but they still happened. I'd like to say that the students in those communities adapted well to their new surroundings. As far as I'm concerned your primary concern should be what's best for your children."

Cathy Graham, a former supply secretary and current full-time secretary at Cardiff Elementary School, spoke up to say that she was deeply troubled by some of the negative comments that have been directed towards Cardiff students by some individuals at prior public input meetings.

"I keep hearing that Cardiff students are really ignorant and some have gone as far as calling our students delinquents," said Graham, who painted a positive picture of students at each school.

"I can attest to the fact that both schools have staff that is second to none. Custodians, support staff, teachers and administration give 110 per cent at both schools," she said.

On Secretary's Day at Cardiff Elementary School, Graham revealed how caring students went out of their way to show their appreciation for their secretary.

"I received 23 handmade cards that were completed in both French and English. I feel that these are a direct testament to the integrity, compassion, care and respect that these Cardiff students exhibit," she said.

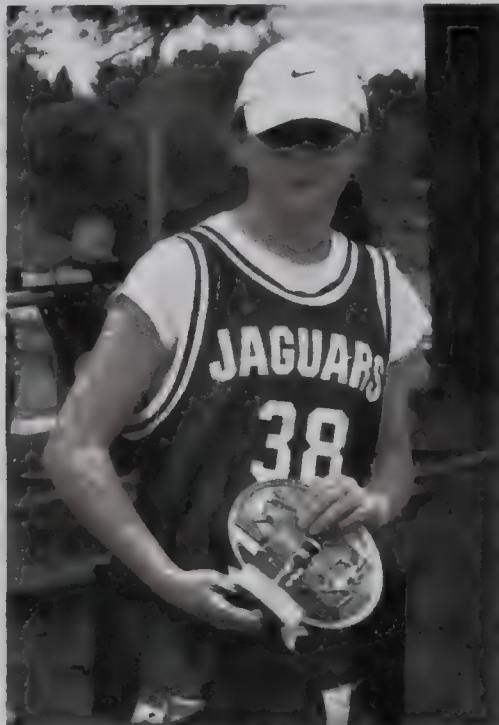
Graham read some of the letters of thanks, which caused her to become emotional. She stated that "this is what it's



Emma Scheffee (2nd), Kendall Marsden (1st), Kyle Cooper (2nd), and Chris Thompson (1st) were the top Atoms at the Legion Track meet last Tuesday.



Cassidy Garbutt placed first in the Bantam Girls Division at the Legion Track and Field Meet.



Madison Billings was second in the Bantam Girls Event at the Legion Track meet.



Sandi Griffith placed second and Ali and Brigitta Hicks were tied for first in the Midget Girls Division of the Legion Track meet last Tuesday. Walter Tose, Hal High track coach handed out awards.

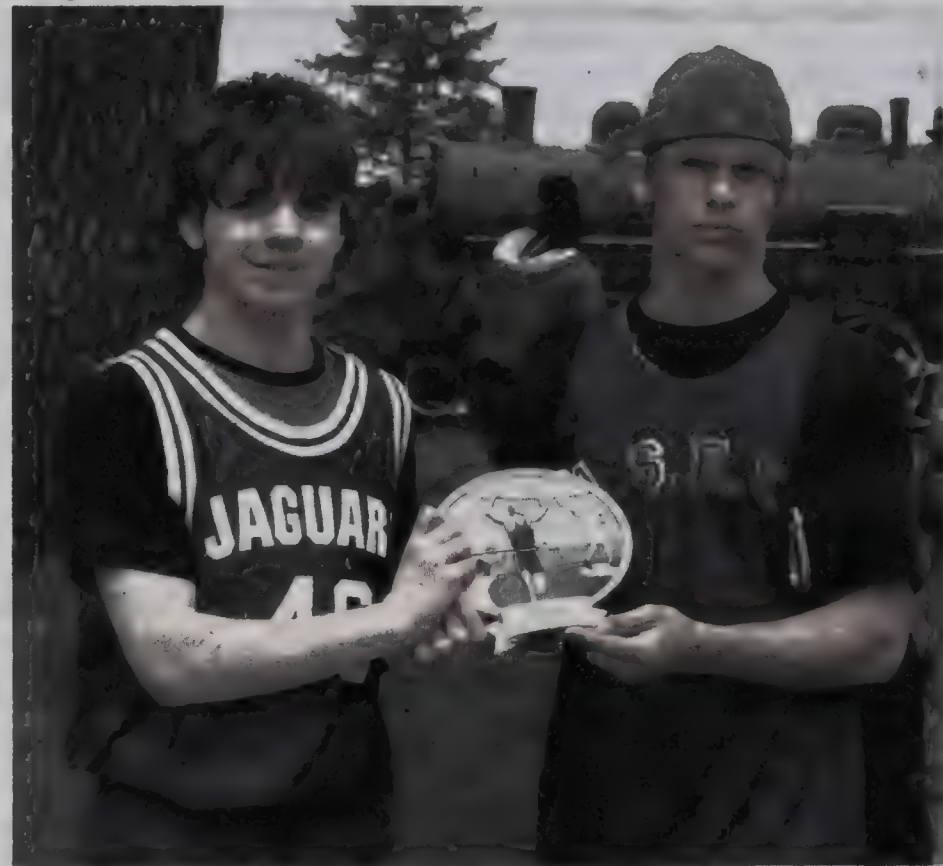


Aaliyah Imasuen (2nd), Shelby Nimigon (1st), Jacob O'Neil (1st), Ati Bariaz and Niki Butka (tied for 2nd) were winners in the Tyke Division at the Legion Track and Field meet.

Legion Track Meet Champions



Devon Upton placed second and Joseph Patrick took home top honours in the Bantam Boys division at the Legion Track and Field Event.



Matt Lauricella and Cole Stamp finished tied for first in the Midget boys events at the Legion Track Meet last Tuesday.

The County's annual Legion Track Meet for Elementary School Students was held this week in perfect conditions under sunny skies and a cool breeze. For more pictures please see page 29.



Jordan Howe placed second overall in the Midget Boys category at the Legion Track and Field event.

Drat ... they're back

Those "Wee
orange
guys" are
here again.

Photos & Story By:
Lyn Winans



They're back! I'm not referring to cottagers and tourists, but those wee shovel wielding guys who surround themselves in orange. You know, the familiar signposts that let us know that the "Ontario slow the people down" season is upon us, the customary summer icons of progress.

As I ventured to Haliburton this morning along my favourite route I couldn't help but feel a temporary pang of frustration, subsequently replaced with a sense of regret as the immobile little black and orange figure clutching his stop-sign came into view. This development surely meant that my present journey would take longer than expected, but more importantly, that it would likely change future commutes forever. Some roads lend them selves to simply getting somewhere, others to an unhurried and scenic adventure. South Lake Road offered both, a direct, less traveled route to Haliburton if "getting there" was the primary goal, or a relaxed, even inspiring drive, if one was so inclined.

My preferred route from Minden to Haliburton was now under siege. It's weird how you get to know a road, where to dodge the potholes, the safest places to pull over, the pretty locations along the way, as well as which corners pose the highest risk of sight-seers likely to crest a hill straddling the middle line. Roads have personalities, and in human terms, South Lake Road has been an attractive, modest, well-rounded character, although a little rough around the edges at times.

As was, before the orange guys arrived, South Lake Road encouraged one to enjoy the beauty of the Highlands at a leisurely pace. Critters called it home, deer, fox, turkeys and an assortment of other wildlife could be observed scampering along its shoulders. Herons inhabited misty roadside ponds just before the sun appeared. Of the passersby, most were usually going slowly enough to recognize each other and wave. Dips, corners and potholes were sufficient to rekindle the love of driving, not simply steering.

Undoubtedly, the dust will settle and new asphalt will be laid. In the name of safety and speed, I suspect most drivers will be happier when the wee orange guys complete their work. However, I've concluded that highway improvements are not always the best thing for naturalists and photographers. ■



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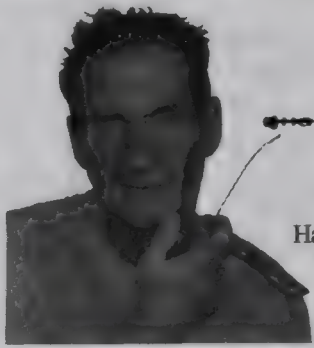
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Running Interference with the Wings Niklas Kronwall



Terrance Gavan
Sports Editor

Havlat hit may not be interference but it shows lack of respect
A red herring led the sports headlines last weekend.
The red herring?

Whether the head-hunting hit by the Wings defenseman Niklas Kronwall on the Black Hawks leading scorer Martin Havlat was actually interference.

Kronwall was issued a major penalty for the hit along the boards.

The hockey pundits all waded deeply into the pond, sharks to the bloodletting.

Most of the big hammerheads, including the three loopily partisan musketeers on TSN's The Reporters hosted by Dave Hodge all jumped on the teetering bandwagon, citing that referee Dan O'Halloran and his crew quite simply got it wrong.

"If that's interference, then we might as well remove Scott Stevens from the Hall of Fame," said panel member and Sun media columnist Steve Simmons, who can always be relied on to chuck it all at the wall. The implication? Apparently that Scott Stevens earned passage to the Hallowed Hall for an unabashed predilection for mayhem. Which is just patently untrue. And that suggestion from Simmons, come to think, is another red herring. Because Niklas Kronwall is a lot of things, but he's no Scott Stevens. Kronwall is just another built for bluster, journeyman mucker.

Michael Farber, another Reporters regular and an unmitigated apologist for all things career threatening in the NHL, said there should have been no penalty called. Farber viewed the hit as part of the day-to-day NHL shuck and jive. And the other panelist, the Toronto Star's Damien Cox, was equally dismissive about the officiating crew's so called "make-up call."

The hit, for the record, put Havlat (a talented scoring machine)

on the ice, eyes rolled back to the nether reaches of his melon, the game officials on the ice conferred and finally called interference.

Was it a make up call? By strict definition of the rules, probably it was.

It wasn't interference by strict definition.

But who cares?

That's the red herring. Shift the blame. Change the conversation.

Discuss the call and not the brutal reality.

And here it is, the crux, the minutia of the incident.

It may not have been interference, but it was a devastating and malignant headhunting attempt to injure another player. Let's not forget that Eric Lindros is not the first and will not be the last player whose career was cut short by too many cranks to the noggin.

This is a problem that hinges on body armor, bigger bodies, and the changing parameters of a game that is outgrowing old standards.

So if not interference then what?

Well the officiating crew deemed it ugly enough to offer the game gate to Kronwall. That prompted a one game suspension.

Ultimately, it's a hit that, like fighting, must be addressed by the NHL.

The National Football League has bowed to increasing scientific pressure and the eye-popping reports of early onset dementia caused by significant and ongoing head trauma. They responded by outlawing flagrant shots to the head.

Of course this is the NHL, ruled by a different set of standards, and an old school dinosaur named Garibaldi Bettmanasourus Rex, so we can't expect too much in the way of redress.

Farber, Simmons, Hodge and Cox, all guys with some pencil-pushing pop and pundit, all said no foul.

Of course they're not on the ice. But they love the mayhem. Figures. Voyeurs and panty waists love the vicarious rush of adrenalin.

Brian Campbell, Chicago defenseman, who is part of the NHL competition committee, offers a different opinion.

"I thought it was gutless all around," said Campbell. "I thought he [Kronwall] jumped. Marty didn't have the puck. His forearm came up high. He's done it hundreds of time in the League, and it seems like nothing ever happens. I just don't understand it. We've talked about it, and eventually we've got to clamp down. These guys got to pay for it - guys that are taking shots to the head. It's unacceptable and it's not like it's the first time it's happened with that guy. There's no need for it in this game."

And for me, that notation, and snippet from a player, rates higher than all of the swollen rhetoric emanating from the bloated couch-potatoes that spew forth in talking head segments on OTR, PTI and ESPN.

Was that a dirty hit? Was it headhunting? Was it a gutless hit?

The NHL and the old-schoolers state emphatically that it's all part of the long history of the game.

But is it?

Remember Habs enforcer John Ferguson? Six feet and all of 178 pounds in his prime. How about Eddie Shack? Six foot one and

195. Gordie Howe? One of the biggest guys in the league. Six-one and 205 pounds.

They all played without helmets, and with body armor that resembled a rolled up copy of the Sunday Star on a slow news day.

I don't recall if Leaf enforcer Eddie Shack ever took a loose footed, leaping run at the Habs' Henri Richard [5'7" and 160] or

Yvon Courmoyer [5'7" and 172], but I'm pretty sure that he never did. I'm also pretty certain that he and Fergie both had better things to contemplate than the notoriety engendered by the possibility of ending another player's season or career. Back then there was less money and more chivalry extant.

Sadly none of that former gallantry seems to enter the equation these days.

Bone crushers, in body armor worthy of an ersatz Robocop on Tacks, don't seem so enamored of tradition and respect for another player's right to earn a living.

Saying that this type of rampant head hunting is part of the game, is equivalent to the NRA's loopy logic regarding the second amendment right to bear arms in the USA. When that American legislation was

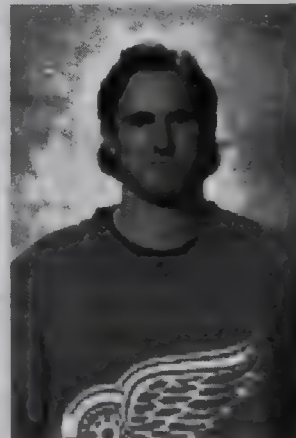
penned, the arms referred to included single shot muskets and bowie knives.

The right to bear arms was never meant to include 50 mm assault rifles, ouzies and rocket launchers.

By the same token, clean hits in the NHL were never meant to include a blindsides, leaping shoulder crank to an exposed and unsuspecting melon, from a body-armored, 6'6" 260 pound projectile traveling at 42 mph.

Geez. Someone could get hurt.

Just ask Martin Havlat - but you'll have to wait until he wakes up. □



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Rugby Team Wraps a Really Good Season

Coach Ray says team reached its goal in spite of injury problems

The season ebbed and the season flowed.

In the end it roared into a beleaguered denouement.

The Hal High senior boys rugby team entered the season high on bodies, but low on expectations.

They came into camp earlier this spring with a full slate of over forty players.

They came and they learned and they toiled hard in weekday scrums.

They started the season with two losses, rebounded for a tie in their third game and then won their final two games of the season.

The record, 2-2-1 was enough to propel the Red Hawks into a sudden death crossover duel against eastern Kawartha rivals Campbellford High in Peterborough last Friday afternoon.

The Hawks defeated Lakefield 17-10 in their final game of the season last Wednesday, May 20, and that earned them the trip to the playoffs. Tyler Woods and Cody Griffin scored in that win.

In spite of a game effort and a diminished supporting cast the Hawks were eliminated from the Kawartha playoffs, dropping a close 15-5 decision to Campbellford.

Coach Kevin Ray said that injuries played a huge role in the waning fortunes last Friday in Peterborough.

"We started the season with over 40 players and last Friday I think we had 21 players left," said Ray, last Monday. "It was just a bad season for injuries and I don't think I've ever seen anything like it."

Stalwart Brock Brown was fighting tendonitis all year, but it was a concussion that finally forced him to call a quit to his season.

Ray said that the lack of bodies hurt during the final game especially, but he said that it also hurt the Hawks during practice scrums.

"We just didn't have the bodies to practice with in the last part of the season," said Ray.

But overall he said that the team played to expectations and even beyond.

"Our goal at the start of the season was to make the playoffs and in spite of a slow start we managed to do that, so all the coaches are happy with the guys," added Ray.

Special treat for the game rugby team this weekend says Ray.

The coaches will be taking the team to an international rugby match between Canada and Wales at York University on Saturday afternoon.

"It's just a nice way to end the season," said Ray. ■



Red hawks Go Faster, Higher and Stronger at COSSA Meet

Freeman gains gold and meet record in junior shot
— Paul wins gold

Nick Freeman set another meet record, this one at last Thursday's COSSA track and field meet in Peterborough last Thursday at Holy Cross high school in Peterborough.

Freeman unleashed a throw of 14.28 meters in the junior shot put to capture gold and the COSSA record. Throws coach Walter Tose says that all things being equal, Freeman should fare pretty well at the East regional Ontario track meet being held in Brockville at Thousand Islands secondary school today and tomorrow (May 28 and 29).

"On the basis of his throws, he has a pretty good chance of advancing to OFSAA," said Tose last Monday at the Hal High track. Top five finishers in each COSSA event qualified to move on to the Eastern Ontario Meet in Brockville. Freeman also qualified in his remaining two events with a second place finish in the javelin and a fourth in the discus.

Tose said that 22 of the 37 COSSA qualifiers will be moving on to the Eastern Ontario meet, an impressive slate.

Drew Paul won gold in the 400-meter hurdles, Christianna Walker placed third

in the senior women's 400 hurdles and Sam Tallman won gold in the midget girls' discus. Paul also finished third in the senior 110-meter hurdles.

Tose said that he and co-coaches Karen Gervais and Paul Morissette were very proud of the efforts put forth by the 37 competitors.

"We had a lot of athletes qualifying and it (COSSA) was a successful event for us," added Tose.

In other action, Vicky Bukta advanced in the midget girls 200 m dash (second) and the 300 m hurdles (fourth), and Marcie Dick was second in the junior girls 300 m hurdles.

Zane Zondervan, who was working late last Monday with coach Tose advanced in 2 events as well, finishing second in junior boys discus and third in pole vault.

Blake Aylsworth qualified with a fifth in the midget boys 100 hurdles. Dwayne Hartshorn placed third in the junior boys 100 meter hurdles and Tessa Iles qualified for the Eastern meet with a fourth place finish in the midget girls high jump.

Mike Mazara won bronze in the midget boys pole vault and Andrew Murray placed fourth in the midget javelin.

Cody Pringle placed third in the senior girls 100 meters

and Matt Rae is moving on with a fourth place finish in the senior discus. Brooke Saunders placed fifth in the midget girls 800 meters and will be headed to Brockville for her first regional event.

Kirstin Schollig won bronze in the junior girls 300 hurdles, Brandon Yake placed fourth in the junior boys discus, while brother Brett Yake was fifth in the midget javelin throw.

Tose said that the relay teams went into the meet with some high expectations, but a few bad exchanges and a tough day on the tartan hampered overall performance. Only one of the eight Hal High relay squads will be advancing to the Eastern Regional. The Red Hawk women's 4 by 400 meter relay team placed fifth and will be moving on to the two-day regional event in Brockville. ■

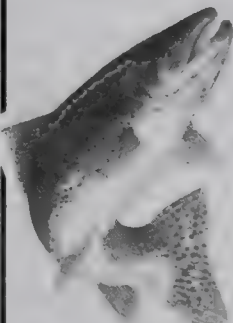


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Hodgson scores assist in series clinching Moose win Monday

Anyone got tickets to Hershey Pennsylvania?

Terrance Gavan

Sports Editor

Cody Hodgson ripped two shots off a post and a crossbar, before finally notching an assist on the final goal in a 3-1 Manitoba Moose victory over the Houston Aeros last Monday night in Winnipeg.

The Moose won the series and the AHL western conference final, 4-2, and now advance against the Hershey Bears in the AHL Calder Cup final, which gets underway in Winnipeg on Saturday.

The CJOB Radio play by play announcer was stupefied all night long by Hodgson's stellar play and especially the Hodgson set up on the third and clinching goal, which set off a crescendo among the 9,000 plus Winnipeg faithful at the MTS Centre last Monday.

The game was tied at one until midway through the third period when Michael Grabner, playing on the second line with Hodgson and Mark Cullen, finally snapped a shot past Aeros goaltender Matt Climie, who literally played Harry Houdini between the pipes all night long. The power play marker was Grabner's sixth goal in six games.

The Grabner goal featured some gutsy digging by Hodgson and Cullen, who kept the puck alive in the Houston end long enough for Grabner to crunch the eventual game winner at 9:46 of the third.

The Moose outshot the Aeros 37-17 and were absolutely stymied by Climie on a number of occasions, especially in a first period that saw the Moose outshoot the Aeros by a 15-5 margin. Hodgson and Grabner both had seven shots in the game and Cullen added another four.

In a post game interview on CJOB, Grabner – the game's first star – gave full marks to his two linemates.

"They told us in the dressing room that we each had seven shots on goal, and that's what we went out to do tonight, control the puck," said Grabner.

"We have a pretty skilled line, and we just tried to keep Houston out of our end," added Grabner.

My old friend Paul Friesen, now a sports columnist for the Winnipeg Sun said that he was at the game last Monday and was pretty impressed with Hodgson's play.

"I saw him play in his first game and I watched him again tonight," said Friesen, over the phone last Monday. "He's got a quick shot and in that first game I remember that he made a couple of moves that showed some major league potential. Even against this kind of competition he stands out."

He said that the Hodgson, Cullen and Grabner line were the difference last Monday, adding that for a time the outcome looked a little bleak. That is until the three newest amigos conspired to keep the puck inside the line for the duration of that third period power play. Grabner's goal set off a

cloudburst of applause from the Mooseheads in the crowd, who were all, like Friesen, wondering if Climie might once again drag his Aeros into overtime.

"They were the best line out there tonight," said Friesen.

The Moose must now prepare for the Hershey Bears.

The Hershey Bears won the Richard F. Canning Trophy as the AHL's Eastern Conference champions, claiming the title with a 5-2 victory over the Providence Bruins in Game 5 of their best-of-seven series at the Dunkin' Donuts Center in Providence on Monday afternoon.

Moose coach Scott Arniel said he would be scrolling through the files and a list of contacts for some game film on the Bears. The Moose start the series on Saturday and the second game is slated for Tuesday, because John Fogarty will be rocking the MTS Centre on Monday evening.

The Bears are entering the Calder Cup Finals for the third time in four years, since becoming the top development affiliate of the Washington Capitals, and for the 21st time overall, extending their own league record. Hershey's most recent AHL championship came in 2006.

Chris Bourque, whose father Ray played 21 seasons with the Boston Bruins, scored the series-clinching shorthanded goal for the Chocolate covered Bears in the third period on Monday.

The CJOB crew interviewed John Walton, the radio voice of the Hershey bears and he said that the Bears will be arriving in Winnipeg on Thursday.

Winnipeg Sun beat writer Ken Wiebe writes that another prospect, Jamie Benn, whose Kelowna Rockets lost a 4-1 decision to the Windsor Spitfires in the Memorial Cup final last weekend, could be joining the Moose.

Coach Arniel was asked if Benn was still planning to join the Moose team for the remainder of the playoffs. "We haven't even had that conversation," said Arniel. Wiebe reports that Benn has been battling a series of injuries that dates back to the Western Conference final against the Calgary Hitmen. ■



Hodgson named CHL Player of the Year – On his way to Calder Cup Final

While the Canadian Hockey league was busy handing out their annual slate of ten awards last Saturday evening, Haliburton cottager Cody Hodgson was relaxing in an aisle seat, with his new Manitoba Moose teammates, on a long plane ride from Houston back home to Winnipeg.

So Hodgson didn't find out until he disembarked at Winnipeg International that he was selected as the CHL's Player of the Year at the annual awards ceremonies in Rimouski, Quebec, site of this year's Memorial Cup.

Hodgson scored a career-high 43 goals and 49 assists [for 92 points] in 53 games with the Brampton Battalion and also won the Ontario Hockey League's Most Sportsmanlike and Most Valuable Player awards.

The Battalion captain led the OHL with 11 game-winning goals and had a league-high point-scoring streak of 23 games from Nov. 21 to Feb. 11.

He also won gold with Canada at the 2009 world junior hockey championship in Ottawa and led all scorers in the tournament with 16 points in six games. Hodgson, a 19-year-old from Markham, is a Vancouver Canucks prospect drafted 10th overall at the 2008 NHL draft and he's now playing with the Moose of the AHL.

Hodgson's brother Clayton accepted the trophy for the rangy two-way center, who should, all things and awards considered, be wearing a Canuck's logo next season.

John Tavares of the London Knights finished the season as the top-rated North American prospect for the 2009 NHL draft to be held next month in Montreal.

Tavares is in good company. He shares the prospects' limelight with local prodigy, Haliburton's prepossessing phenom Matthew Duchene. Duchene is expected to go shortly after or just before Tavares in the 2009 draft – depending on what scouting pipeline you're looking at.

Tavares, for his part, said the CHL got it right. "Cody had a great season," said Tavares. "He's a special player and he's doing well now in the American Hockey League."

Duchene and Hodgson led the Battalion to the brink of the OHL championship, before finally losing a hard fought final series, 4-1, to the Windsor Spitfires. The Spits won the Memorial Cup with a 4-1 victory over the Kelowna Rockets last weekend.

Hodgson didn't have much time to mourn the loss of a possible shot at the Mem Cup. Shortly after the Battalion packed their bags, Hodgson was already making plans for Winnipeg. He hopped a plane and joined the Manitoba Moose, the Canuck's AHL affiliate on May 13th.

Hodgson notched an assist and a third star in his first game with the Moose, a 2-1 first game victory over the Houston Aeros in the western conference final. Hodgson scored his first AHL goal in a 5-2 victory over the Aeros at the MTS Centre in Winnipeg on May. The Moose followed that up with a 4-3 victory in Houston on May 18th to take a 3-0 series lead.

Last week the Aeros won two overtime games 5-4 and 4-3 to climb back into the series.

Last Monday, back in the friendly confines of the MTS Centre however, the Moose rallied. And Hodgson played a huge role in the victory (see the full story in this paper.)

Hodgson started his AHL sojourn on the fourth line, but is now playing on a newly constructed second line with Michael Grabner and Mark Cullen.

Head coach Scott Arniel is using Hodgson on both the power play and penalty kill.

The Moose can be heard on the internet by going to cjob.com and tapping on the live feed. Bottom line?

Hodgson is denied the Mem Cup, but will now play for the Calder.

And by the way, how far from Haliburton to Hershey?

And do we need a passport? ■



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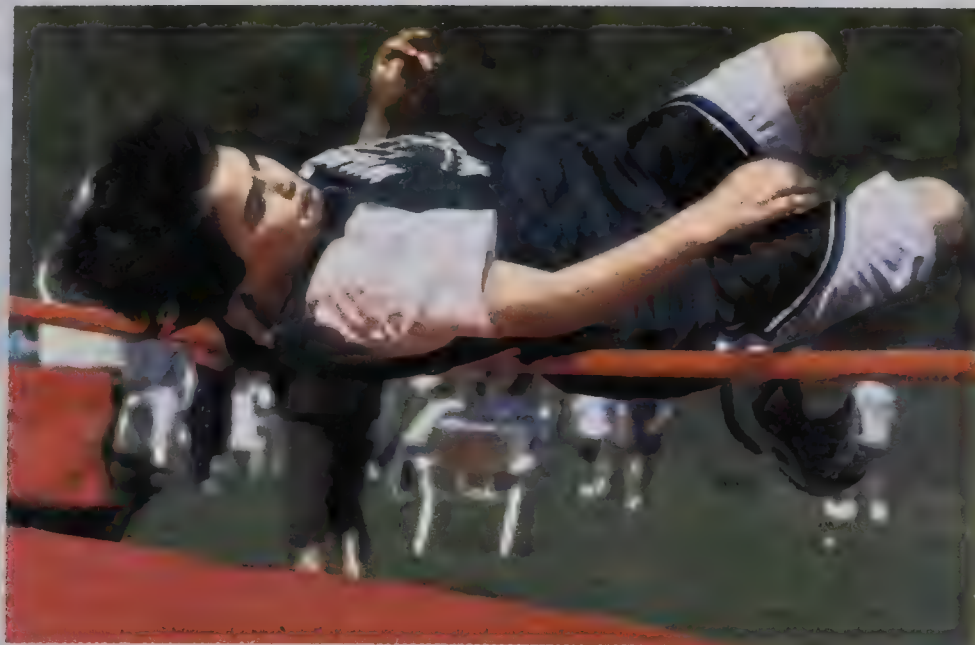
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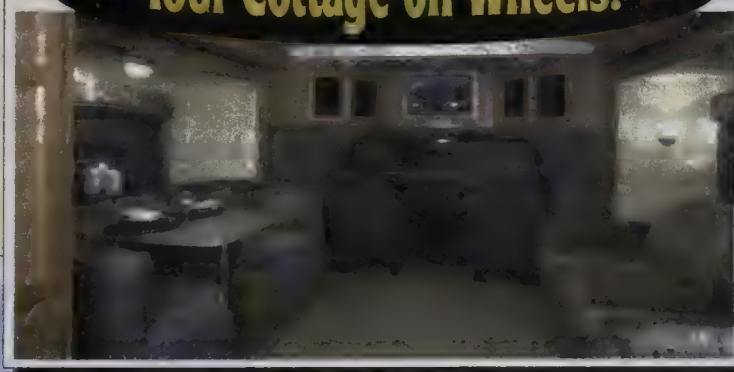


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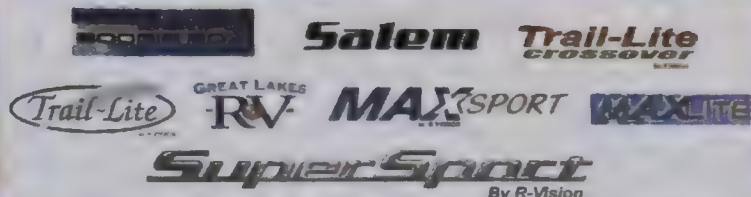
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FRESHMAN LEVEL

1. "He doesn't just talk to the animals!" 1998

Answer

2. "Yabba-Dabba-Doo!" 1994

Answer

3. "You'll like him when he's angry." 2008

Answer

GRADUATE LEVEL

4. "So many dogs. So little time." 1996

Answer

5. "You'll believe a man can fly!" 1978

Answer

6. "You know what we are gonna do? Toga party!" 1978

Answer

PH.D. LEVEL

7. "Show me the money!" 1996

Answer

8. "With the right song and dance, you can get away with murder." 2002

Answer

9. "Heel the love." 2008

Answer

ANSWERS: 1. "Dr. Dolittle." 2. "The Flintstones." 3. "The Incredible Hulk."

4. "101 Dalmatians." 5. "Superman."

6. "Animal House." 7. "Jerry Maguire." 8. "Chicago." 9. "Marley & Me."

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Parents Clash Over Blasting Teen Out Of Bed In Morning

DEAR ABBY: My 16-year-old stepson has problems getting up for school on time. My wife and I are split on what we should do about it.

I maintain that he's old enough to be responsible for getting himself up for school and should suffer the consequences if he's late. She thinks I should get him up. She works the late shift, which means I have to call him several times before he actually gets up. What do you think? — STEPDAW IN WEST VIRGINIA

DEAR STEPDAW: If your stepson is having trouble prying himself out of bed in the mornings, it may be that he's not getting enough sleep and should go to bed earlier. And your wife needs to consider what will happen to him when you are no longer around to extract her son from between the sheets. That's why it's important to start training him NOW.

Buy a clock with a loud, annoying alarm, which should be placed in the farthest corner of his room from the bed, which will force him to get up in order to turn the darned thing off.

DEAR ABBY: Last summer, I cringed when I saw a neighbor cutting his lawn with a push mower and allowing his 3-year-old son to walk behind the mower to "help" him push. All the while, the mother stood nearby, smiling at the "father-and-son moment."

A few days later, I saw an 8-year-old boy cutting his lawn with a riding mower, with no adult in sight.

Abby, please remind parents that a lawn mower is a powerful, potentially dangerous machine. According to a study published in a children's medical journal, more than 9,000 children are injured by lawn mowers each year. Not only is there the obvious danger of the mower blades, children can also suffer severe burns from touching hot mower parts. In addition, projectiles can fly backward and cut or blind a child should a mower strike an object.

When the lawn mower is operating, the proper place for children is inside the house. — CONCERNED NEIGHBOR, DUNWOODY, GA.

DEAR NEIGHBOR: Thank you for the timely reminder. Sometimes the most innocent of actions can have unintended consequences. Spring has sprung, bringing with it all the joys — and chores — of the "growing" season. When a lawn mower is running, children — and pets — should not be in the vicinity.

DEAR ABBY: With the passing of our parents, as well as childless aunts and uncles, my husband and I have accumulated many special items such as an old family Bible, military memorabilia, photos of pets, etc.

Our departed dear ones are missed and loved, but we don't know what to do with a lot of these things. It feels disrespectful not to keep them. Have you any suggestions on how we can relieve the clutter as well as the guilt — and feel OK about it? — CLUTTERED BUT CARING IN WASHINGTON

DEAR CLUTTERED BUT CARING: Although you have been blessed to be the repository of so many family keepsakes, sometimes an overabundance of "things" can become a burden. When that happens, it's time to take stock and share some of the items with others who can appreciate them.

The Bible and photos should be offered to your state historical society. The military memorabilia could prove to be valuable if you have it appraised by someone who deals in it. The rest could be placed for sale in a consignment store or thrift shop.

Please don't feel guilty about it. It's actually an act of generosity.

Legends Rock the Pinestone

Downchild Returns to Haliburton for Popular Blues Concert Series

Veteran Canadian blues recording artists, Downchild, didn't disappoint concert-goers during their second appearance at the Pinestone Resort in Haliburton last Saturday.

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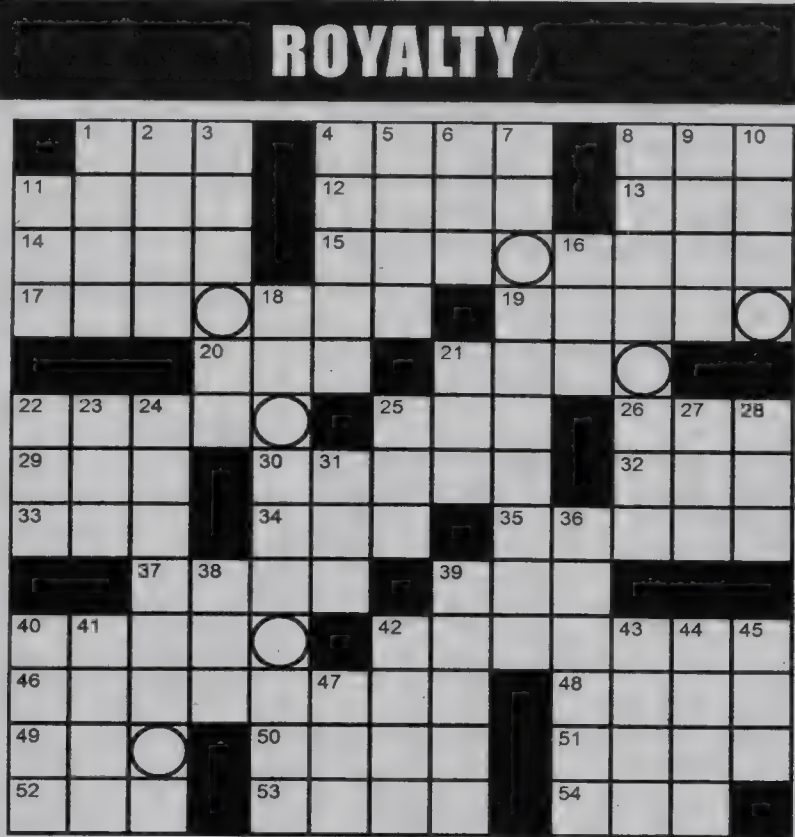
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ACROSS

- 1 Gently drop fish bait on the water
- 4 * The United Emirates
- 8 Be in need of Kleenex
- 11 Scottish songstress
- 12 Hilo happening
- 13 * Goose, to Louis XIV
- 14 * Queen of Jordan born in Washington, D.C.
- 15 * David, Linley (Princess Margaret's son born in 1961)
- 17 * Eldest son once heir to the French crown
- 19 * Henry VIII, and others
- 20 "Dancing with the Stars" judge
- 21 * Attire at Balmoral Castle



TUMBLE-THEME-a!

After completing the ThemeCross, untumble the 7 circled letters to spell out this IMPERIAL SYMBOL:

- 22 More kind
- 25 Workday abbr.
- 26 Clairvoyance, curtly
- 29 * Echo-y haunted castle sound
- 30 In the Bible, nation battling at Armageddon
- 32 * Knight's title
- 33 * The Queen (b.1900 - d.2002)
- 34 Enter a PIN, get cash from it
- 35 Undue urgency
- 37 Magic spell
- 39 Loud noise
- 40 * Castle rock
- 42 * Ms. Parker Bowles aka The Duchess of Cornwall

- 46 * The (British royal family)
- 48 * Tower of London, once
- 49 'Ses' add-on (Bagel topping)
- 50 * Russian ruler
- 51 River of Poland
- 52 Tamid (Synagogue lamp)
- 53 It's done on a mat
- 54 Mr. Barrett, former Pink Floyd guitarist

DOWN

- 1 Q. "Is ' ' synonym of 'couple'?" A. "Yes."
- 2 Tip to 'ette' (French song about a

- 3 * Color signifying royalty
- 4 Choreographer Mr. Ailey
- 5 * Castle that's in shambles
- 6 Writer Mr. Milne's
- 7 * Palace
- 8 * Nobility title for a she
- 9 * The Crown Jewels piece
- 10 Nevertheless-es
- 11 Non-water area, on a globe [abbr.]
- 16 EVOO part
- 18 * The Queen, to subjects
- 21 * Ms. Stark who once dated Prince Andrew

- 22 de plume
- 23 Promise to pay
- 24 * Non title-holder
- 25 Roaring lion studio
- 27 * Take to the throne
- 28 Prior to
- 31 From Z link
- 36 "Three !" (1986)
- 38 'Alm' add-on
- 39 Port city in Iraq
- 40 * Palace's pond sighting
- 41 Tick-tock reason
- 42 Rugged cliff
- 43 * in waiting
- 44 * Manor man
- 45 * Chicken King link
- 47 Bear, in Spain

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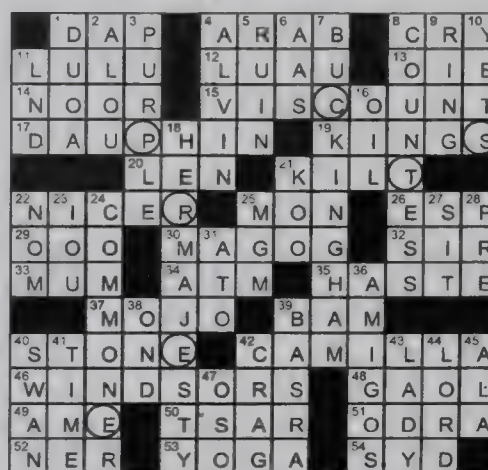
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Pools of Splendor Refracted in Sue Evans Show Through a Glass Darkly – Photo Reflections

Members Show - May 15 to
June 14, 2009 – Rails End
Gallery: Haliburton

Terrance Gavan
Staff Reporter

Look at a lake. Look at a river. Look at a puddle on the road.

What do you see?

For most of us the answer is simple.

We see a lake; or a river; or a puddle plopped in our path.

It's not what Sue Evans sees.

Of course, Sue Evans, a photographer and artist, is blessed with that special creative gift of temperament and insight.

Her exhibition, "Through a Glass Darkly" was unveiled in the members' room of Rails End Gallery last Friday, May 15th. (It runs until June 14th and is a must see exhibit.)

All of her works, in this, her first public exhibition, deal with water-based images.

"Photography of water – of what is reflected there, or what is floating on the water, or moving through it – speak to me especially of the vibrant and interdependent nature of the universe," says Evans.

And so, for Evans, a body of water, still or flowing, is a magical place, filled with an internal wonder that inspires her to go beyond the realm of surface treatise.

Where we see water ... Sue Evans spots an inner sanctum, hidden beneath the shimmering surface.

We look outside. Sue Evans looks through and beyond.

Sue Evans photographs the refractions and reflections of bodies of water. She films only the inside reference, the subject as it's reflected deep in the bowels of the stream. The ripples, the leaves, random sticks, the Canada Geese floating on top, or the rock protruding from the surface; all blend and commingle with the reflected image.

The landlocked subject, now suddenly transformed by happenstance, an artistic moment, the artist's keen eye, and a shutter's whim.

A bridge, a ship, an office tower, a haphazard pastiche of fall colors, seen not from our dreary sky-banked perspective but through Evans eyes and a reflective well. The art is taken from her Ottawa home, from Boshkung River, from trips to Amsterdam and Nova Scotia and even, from that unassuming and porous puddle.

The vagueness of a reflected image takes on a life of its own when viewed entirely immersed in the reflective pool. An oasis of dappled color, a fluttered mast, a stuttered mélange of windows on an office complex.

The pictures that line the walls of the Rails End members' gallery are unnamed.

"In sharing these photographs," says Evans in her artist's statement, "my hope is to nurture a desire to see what is really there and to cherish what they see more fully. I have not named the photographs to give you the chance to see ... what might be there."

We get a chance to see nature and life's streams through an artist's bright eyes, through Sue Evans's special catbird seat on water's edge.

And what she sees, is pretty wonderful.

She started experimenting with photography and its artistic implications about four years ago in 2005. Almost by accident, she happened on something that worked for her. "I think I took my first reflective picture up here [on Boshkung] in 2005," smiles Evans. She carries nearly all of her pictures on her portable laptop. It's a growing, living legacy and allows her to explore and mull over the ever evolving body of work.

She may crop an image to hone into its essence, and she may alter the lighting or contrast in PhotoShop, but she says that none of her exquisite images are manipulated.

"All of the images are just how the lens captured it," says Evans. She says that at times, the images are hauntingly evocative. They go beyond what she initially thought she was capturing in her viewfinder. "A lot of times I'll look at the finished picture and I'm surprised," says Evans, who says that what she sees isn't always what she gets. Or expected.

This is the part that excites her about her water art. The fickle-



ness of nature, and the blurred scenes that crunch around a ripple, or a stone, or a quick gust of wind. Moments change in a nanosecond.

It's why, she says, that she was so instantly struck by that first magical image, that reflective portrait.

Serendipity on Boshkung. She found a niche. A chance to express and to see what might not otherwise be found.

"You have to specialize in something," laughs Evans. "For me this was it."

Evans is on the Board of Directors of Ottawa's Multi-faith Housing Initiative, but has plans to retire within the next several years. She hopes to move forward with her life and art and this dovetailed initiative in artistic exploration.

She lives full time in West Ottawa, near the Ottawa River and spends a lot of time with her camera in Andrew Hayden Park, snapping pictures, exploring camera angles, and getting comfortable with the technology. "I'm still new at this, and this is my first show,"

says Evans, who nevertheless sold a number of her prints on the first two days of her exhibition.

She is enamored of the many challenges.

But above all she likes the philosophical ramifications that lie extant on her separate canvasses.

"The dance of reflected light on water delights me and invites me to participate in this creativity," says Evans. "Totally alive, in movement and never really what we think it is."

She remains entranced by the inevitably of what we don't know.

"Often after I have taken a photograph I am surprised by what turns up in it," says Evans.

Take some time to be surprised by Sue Evans world at the Rails End Gallery.

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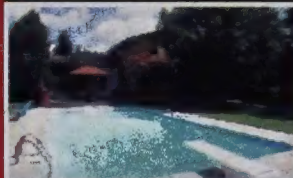
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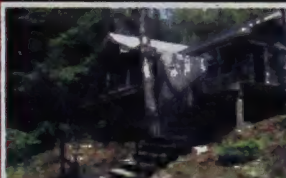
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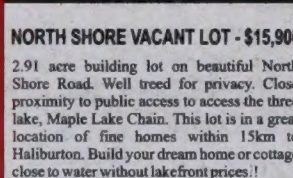
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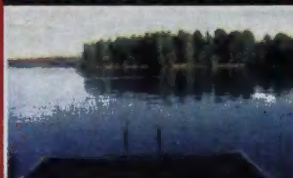


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MOUNTAIN LAKE - \$499,000



Estate sale - rare opportunity! 2 separately deeded direct waterfront lots on beautiful Mountain Lake (2 lake chain) offering 190 ft frontage and 1.54 acres of prime lakefront opportunity. Well treed, private setting, expansive stunning view, superb easy municipal access, loads of parking and clean shoreline with lakeside boathouse with decking area, loft and dock. Neat & clean 3 bedroom, 1.5 washroom 'viceroy' style year round home/cottage loaded in pine features cathedral beamed ceilings, stone floor to ceiling fireplace with insert, nice covered deck with screen porch, main floor laundry plus drilled well and full septic. Also includes roll # 00900. Show & sell!!

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YEAR ROUND HOME - \$329,900



Spectacular private 50 acre parcel overlooking a semi private pond conveniently located outside Haliburton Village. 1,750 square foot, 3 bedroom, 3 washroom open concept custom built home on full finished walk-out basement. Features oak cabinetry, staircase, yellow birch hardwood floors throughout, solid pine doors, 2 stone floor to ceiling fireplaces, cedar siding and decking, main floor laundry, master ensuite and walk-in closet, jacuzzi tub, updated furnace, generator & backup panel, plus more.

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Lorri Roberts * 457-2414 ext. 43



Chris & Michelle Smalzer * 457-2414 ext. 22



Patti & Hal Johnson ** 236-1234 ex. 238



Peter Franzen * 286-1234 ex. 223



Susan Johnson * 286-1234 ex. 226



Tom Gardner * 286-1234 ex. 224



Chris James * 457-2414 ex. 25



Marcia Prenger * 457-2414 ex. 27